345 DIE IN AVIATION'S WORST DISASTER

...RIS. — A packed Turkish jetliner exploded ... slammed into a wooded slope north of Paris ...terday, spewing debris and bodies for miles. ...ust before noon French authorities said all 345 ...ard were killed, making it the worst civil air ...aster in history. The crash killed nearly twice ...many people as any previous air disaster.

...he Tri-jet DC10 had taken off only five minutes ...lier from Paris' Orly Airport after a stop on ...flight from Istanbul to London when it crashed ...the forest under sunny skies.

...fficials of Turkish Airlines said 334 passen...s and 11 crew members were aboard the fat...lled aircraft, which was reported loaded to ...acity. However, Aymar Achille-Fould, Secre...y of State at the French Transportation Mi...try, later told newsmen on the scene there ...re 333 passengers.

...I was looking at the plane as it came over ...area," said a witness. "It was still climbing. ...n it suddenly pointed downward and crashed ...h a heavy explosion."

...rench officials said there was no immediate explanation for the crash. The Turkish Communications Minister, Ferda Guley, said in Ankara that "considering the world situation" he was not ruling out sabotage. "Time will show," he added, without indicating any evidence of foul play.

"The fact that debris of bodies was found in a village more than 10 kms. from the accident tends to prove the explosion occurred in flight," said Achille-Fould.

Rescuers carried away bodies in blankets and paper bags. Firemen said that when the American-made plane broke up into small pieces, it flattened a part of the forest Ermenonville, 36 kms. north of Paris, a favourite picnic ground for Parisians. The plane was named "Ankara" and was one of three jets of its type which went into service with the airline last year.

Police said a part of the jet's flight recorder was found in the wreckage.

Rescuers reported strollers in a field 14 kms. south of the main wreckage found seven bodies. Helicopters hovered over the area to look for the scattered bodies and debris.

Some recovered bodies were so disfigured that firemen on the scene expressed doubt they could ever be identified.

The Turkish Airline officials declined to reveal the identities or nationalities of passengers and crew.

An official of British Airways could not pinpoint the exact number of Britons aboard but said there were about 200 of them.

They were to have taken other flights to London but a strike by about 400 ground engineers at London's Heathrow Airport caused British Airways flights between London and European points to be cancelled for the weekend. Many British travellers then turned to flights of other airlines.

Airline officials said 216 of the passengers boarded at Paris, reportedly including several Japanese and French citizens.

The British Rugby Team, which played against France here on Saturday, intended to travel on the plane but could not get bookings, airport sources said. However, the victims reportedly included a British police team which on Saturday defeated a French police team in a tournament.

A man and a woman among 60 persons at Heathrow Airport waiting for news of relatives and friends in the crash went wild with grief and attacked press photographers.

The highest previous known crash toll was 176, records show. That count was recorded twice: when a Soviet plane crashed near Moscow in October 1972 and when a Jordanian Boeing 707 went down at Kano, Nigeria, in January 1973 with a plane-load of Nigerian Moslems return from a pilgrimage to Mecca.

It was the second crash of a Turkish Airlines plane in just over a month. A plane on an internal Turkish flight from Izmir to Istanbul crashed on January 26, killing 63 persons.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board in Washington announced it was sending a three-man team to France to observe the investigation into the crash.

"We want to be on hand to know as rapidly as possible what happened," said spokesman Edward E. Slattery. "I'd say more than 100 DC10 are used by the American fleet." According to Slattery, the DC10 that crashed was built by the McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corp. of Long Beach, Calif.

Our Aviation Correspondent, George Leonof, adds: The DC10, latest of the McDonnel Douglas airliners, went into commercial service about two years ago.

The ill-starred Turkish plane was apparently of the all-economy configuration capable of transporting 380 passengers. The typical arrangement of mixed first and economy classes seats 250.

The DC10, a tri-jet aircraft with an engine mounted on each wing and the third on the tail, was ordered by many international airlines as an intermediary between the Boeing 707 and 747 — with maximum seating of 187 and 490 respectively. Its appearance coincided with a period of doldrums in commercial aviation, when most airlines were hard put to fill the jumbo 747s. *(Reuter, AP, UPI)*

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MEIR IS TO RETURN MANDATE TODAY

Refuses to reconsider

By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Golda Meir last night stood by her bombshell decision not to form a government, despite pleas from delegations from her own party.

The Prime Minister left her Labour colleagues in bewilderment when she made her dramatic announcement after a four-hour debate on her proposed Cabinet at a joint meeting of the Labour Party Leadership Bureau and Knesset faction.

"I shall hand my mandate back to the President," she said, and walked out of the meeting in the Knesset.

She then telephoned President Ephraim Katzir and arranged to see him at 11.30 this morning to hand back her mandate. A few minutes after she had done so from her Rehavia home, a delegation from all wings of the Alignment came hurrying in, to try and persuade her to change her mind.

Mrs. Meir did not give her Labour colleagues any explanation of her step at the meeting.

During the course of her reply to the debate, she caused a hush in the faction meeting room when she suddenly switched into a personal key.

"Had I resigned last August or September, I would have been taking a wise step," she said. "I never had any lust for power. I only sought to serve to the best of my capacities."

Then Mrs. Meir, replying to Arye (Lyova) Eliav who had launched a total attack on her proposed government as well as her past policies, said: "We did not fail. We did not lead others to failure. We achieved great things."

Her audience relaxed somewhat, getting the impression that she was answering the polemic of her handful of critics, as she went on to declare: "I am not ashamed of my team in the slightest. Nobody from any other party could have submitted a better team. None of the ministers whom I proposed asked me to include them in the cabinet. They are all proposed on my responsibility."

Finally, after the tension had risen and dropped in this way several times, she shocked her audience by saying she would hand back her mandate to the President, and started to walk out.

Party Secretary Aharon Yadlin at once jumped to his feet and called: "Golda! Come back! You must hear what we have to say!"

But she carried on unheedingly and left the room.

Yadlin then said he was proposing a resolution calling on Mrs. Meir to change her mind. This brought Defence Minister Moshe Dayan (who had sat silently throughout) to his feet with the protest, "You can't act this way with office holders of that rank."

WOULD SUPPORT

In the debate which followed Mrs Meir's matter-of fact presentation of her cabinet, the two Rafi MKs who participated mentioned their preference for a national unity cabinet, but stressed that they would support the proposed narrow cabinet in the Knesset even if they voted otherwise in the present meeting. The two, David Coren and Gad Ya'acobi, were straightforward in their comments and did not provoke any excitement.

The temperature rose when Avraham Ofer said it was vital for him to speak his mind frankly about the composition of the proposed government. This drew the sharp interruption from Mrs. Meir: "In 'Davar Hashavua' you said it was a rotten government."

Ofer went on: "It would have been in the national interest to propose a different type of government. I'm all in favour of the new faces. But I'm against the old timers."

(Ofer at one time had some slim prospects of being appointed to the cabinet but these were dashed after the election, particularly by the need to find a portfolio for ex-Tel Aviv Mayor Rabinowitz.)

Arye (Lyova) Eliav then read out from a prepared, typed text, an all-out condemnation of the past government and the one proposed, in the strongest tones used by any speaker of the session. "This is a team which has failed in the past and which has caused others to fail. It has failed us in every possible sphere — foreign affairs, security, social and economic affairs, and spiritual values. I have no confidence in any of these people. I shall vote for the government in the Knesset, but here I shall vote against. This government can only exist for a short while. It will soon become a transition government. We will soon have another election for the good of the nation."

Yadlin accordingly proposed a motion that the body had "confidence in the composition of the cabinet as proposed by Mrs. Meir" and this was carried with no votes against — but with seven abstentions.

Three men of the Rafi wing abstained: Gad Ya'acobi, Mordechai Ben-Porat and David Coren. Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi abstained, with two from the Mapai wing: Avraham Ofer and Arye Eliav; and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon of Ahdut Avoda.

The Rafi wing in fact split on ... Moshe Dayan voted for and the remaining three Rafi Knesset Members — Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Navon and Matilda Ghez — did not take part in the vote.

The joint session of the Leadership Bureau and the Knesset faction opened with a discussion as to whether Knesset Members who entered the new cabinet would have to resign their seats to allow other party men in who had been lower on the list. This was with a view to ensuring that the coalition had enough strength in the House from active members to see votes through.

(Cabinet Ministers, who have a poor record of attendance in the House, are of little use to the party whips.)

A decision was postponed on this suggestion by 23 votes to 11 after which coalition negotiator Haim Zadok gave a brief report on the latest talks with the National Religious Party, and Mrs. Meir took the floor to present her proposed cabinet.

Her opening remarks, in hindsight, indicate that she had come to the session with her trump card up her sleeve. She said: "I do not know if any Knesset Members are in any

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NRP cuts meeting short

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The National Religious Party's parliamentary faction convened yesterday to consider the latest Alignment formula on the "Who's a Jew" issue and broke up after a quarter of an hour when news reached it of Mrs. Meir's action.

The meeting never got round to the proposal itself, but had been discussing whether to take heed of a temporary injunction issued yesterday morning by the Tel Aviv Rabbinical Court, which forbade the NRP Executive from meeting today to discuss joining the Government Coalition.

The injunction was issued at the request of Moshe Hershkowitz, deputy chairman of the Bar Ilan University students union. He argued that the NRP Executive could not discuss the question without first obtaining the Chief Rabbinate Council's approval of the latest "Who's a Jew" formula. The court, headed by Rabbi Kolitz, issued the injunction in the absence of party representatives, the NRP was invited to appear this morning to respond.

The NRP Executive had been scheduled to meet today after the parliamentary caucus took a decision on the "Who's a Jew" formula.

Elections possible

By ARI RATH, Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Premier Golda Meir's surprise decision not to form a new government may lead to new elections within four or five months during which the Cabinet she now heads remains in office as caretaker government. The Labour Alignment is not expected to propose another candidate for the Premiership, thus there appears to be little chance of a broad national emergency coalition with Likud being formed. Mrs. Meir has repeatedly stated her firm opposition to such a government.

One possible way out of the impasse would be for the Labour Party to advise the President to call on another leading Labour Knesset Member — such as Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir or Mr. Haim Zadok — to form a Cabinet that would be headed by Mrs. Meir.

PRECEDENTS

There have been two precedents for such a move when the late David Ben-Gurion was Prime Minister. In 1950, Independent Liberal leader Pinhas Rosen formed a coalition that was headed by Ben-Gurion, and after the August 1961 elections that were held in the wake of the "Lavon Affair," the late Levi Eshkol, then Finance Minister, was asked by the President to form a new Cabinet to be headed by Ben-Gurion.

It took then nearly three months to form a new government, since Mapai's four coalition partners in the outgoing Cabinet — Ahdut Avoda, Mapam, the N.R.P. and the Liberals — had formed a "club of four" which had hardened their position.

Should Mrs. Meir go ahead with her decision to return her mandate to the President today — which seemed likely by late last night — Prof. Katzir would have to start a new round of consultations with delegations of all Knesset factions. The Alignment delegation would then be able to propose inviting another leading party member from its ranks to form a new Government for Mrs. Meir, or to suggest to dissolve the Eighth Knesset, calling for new elections.

The Likud opposition could be expected to propose to the President to invite Herut leader Menahem Begin to try and form a new Cabinet, as they represent the second largest party in the House.

Since Likud could form a Government only with the support of at least part of the Labour Party, a national emergency coalition does not seem feasible, particularly as Defence Minister Moshe Dayan has firmly stated his opposition to the seven Labour MKs of the Rafi wing crossing the floor, and leaving the party.

It is the President's prerogative to decide what course of action to take. New elections cannot be held before at least 100 days have passed after a Knesset decision to that effect — in order to allow time for civil servants and army officers who want to run, to resign from office.

State Department

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The State Department yesterday declined to comment on Mrs. Meir's announcement.

Scene at the Labour Party faction-Leadership Bureau meeting at the Knesset Building yesterday afternoon before Mrs. Meir announced she was returning her mandate to the President. Seated in the front row are (l to r): Zvi Gershuni, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin, Aharon Yariv, Defence Minister Dayan is in the back row. (Weiss photo)

Party secretary says he can't explain it

Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin said yesterday evening he was "incapable of explaining" Mrs. Meir's move. He told newsmen the party discussion preceding Mrs. Meir's announcement had been conducted in a good atmosphere: there were some critical remarks. But "that's part of political life."

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, leader of the National Religious Party, said that he and many others in the NRP believed the time had come to think more seriously about establishing an emergency Government.

Mapam Secretary-General Meir Talmi said his party would continue to oppose an emergency Cabinet. He said the Alignment should make every effort to form a Cabinet on the existing basis.

Peres told reporters that his Rafi faction believed Mrs. Meir was the most suitable candidate at this time for Prime Minister. Expressing regret at her decision he said Rafi had taken a moderate and responsible tone. Asked who could undertake to form a government if Mrs. Meir persisted in her refusal, Mr. Peres said: "At this stage the party is doing everything it can to get Mrs. Meir to retract her resignation. So that question is unnecessary, or at least premature."

Likud leader Menahem Begin declined to comment last night.

Likud member Shmuel Tamir welcomed Mrs. Meir's action. He said that Mr. Dayan had endorsed the widespread feeling that Mrs. Meir was the main obstacle to forming a national unity Government.

I.L.P. leader Moshe Kol said he

Accord with Cambodia

A cultural accord with Cambodia which was signed by Israel's ambassador in Pnon Penh on October fifth — the eve of the war — was ratified by the Cabinet in Jerusalem yesterday. It provided for literary and artistic exchanges.

The Cabinet also ratified Israel's signature to the accord establishing the European Laboratory for Molecular Biology which will be situated in Geneva. Cabinet Secretary Michael Arnon said this was the first European accord of which Israel was a full member.

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ARABS HIJACK UK AIRLINER, BURN IT AT DUTCH AIRPORT

Passengers, crew safe; hijackers caught

...STERDAM (UPI). — Arab ter...sts hijacked a British Airways ...10 out of Beirut yesterday, ...led it at Schiphol airport out... Amsterdam and then set it ...e after freeing the 92 passengers ... 10 crew members. Police said ...y captured the hijackers in a ...se along the tarmac.

...he passengers and crew mem... slid down the emergency chutes ...ments before smoke and flames ...an pouring out. Police said two ...sons injured their ankles hitting ...ground.

...here were conflicting reports on ...number of hijackers. The pas...gers said two, but the police ... they had captured four after ...sing them across the runway ...n they tried to flee the scene.

...he only gunfire through the en...ordeal, according to the pas...gers and police, came when one ...the Arabs fired a warning shot ...ard the aircraft shortly after ...ng control. No one was hurt.

...e gunmen took over the air... shortly after takeoff from Bei... the plane's only stopover on a ...t from Bombay to London. An ...ne spokesman said 25 persons ...ded the craft at the Lebanese ...tal.

...he spokesman said the hijackers ...first ordered the pilot to land ...Athens but that airport authori... there refused permission so the ...ht continued to Amsterdam. ...re officials at Schiphol did the ...e.

...he mission of the hijackers, who identified themselves as members of the Palestine Liberation Army, was not immediately known, but the fact they wanted to land at Athens indicated to airline officials that they wanted to demand the release of two terrorists held there.

It was only after the pilot informed the Schiphol control tower that he had fuel for only 15 minutes more that they changed their minds and granted permission.

Communications monitors at Zaventem airport outside Brussels said they had overheard the hijackers, in broken English, say they wanted to blow up the aircraft over the North Sea. But the shortage of fuel precluded them getting there.

CHANGED MINDS

At first the Arabs demanded that the airliner be refuelled but then apparently changed their minds.

Mr. and Mrs. Curt Swinburne of New York City were among the passengers.

"After we left Beirut, two passengers ran forward brandishing guns and took over the plane," Swinburne said. "The hijackers drove staff and passengers toward the back of the plane and put explosives down at some of the seats and at doorways. They smashed all oxygen tanks and they also smashed liquor bottles. When we landed here, the hijackers in poor English told us, 'move out fast. Take your feet in your hands', and then we all went down the chute."

"During the whole hijacking, one shot was fired early after the hijacking started," Joe Gifford, 22, of Pasadena, California, said. "But the gunmen apparently did not aim at anybody, just shot towards the ground to scare us into submission."

Fire engines sped to the burning plane in hopes of saving it. An airport spokesman said the pilot told Schiphol authorities that the hijackers apparently had lighted the spilled liquor to start the fire, creating thick smoke. Then they tried to flee across the airfield in the dark but were caught by the police without firing a shot.

Passenger Mike Goddarn, 38, a ship's officer, who was travelling home to Plymouth on leave, said, "A Jordanian passenger told me one of the hijackers told him in Arabic that they were doing this to punish the British for sending British mercenaries to the war in Israel."

Firemen said the blaze caused some damage to the plane's cabin but witnesses said there were no signs of structural damage. A British Airways spokesman in London said the VC10 was insured for $3.6m.

Police kept newsmen far from the plane, parked about two kms. from the air terminal, saying there was a danger that unexploded bombs might still be aboard.

Itim reports from Ben-Gurion airport that Israel authorities kept a close watch on the course taken by the hijacked plane, but no alert was declared.

Last Israelis quit Canal, move to Sinai

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The last Israeli troops left the Suez Canal yesterday, taking up new lines in Sinai 24 hours earlier than scheduled. They handed over the last stretch of the waterway they had held to Unef troops who were scheduled to transfer it to Egyptian control at 6 a.m. today.

This would mark implementation of the disengagement accord in 39 days instead of the 40 specified in the accord mediated by Dr. Henry Kissinger.

The Egyptians will now hold the entire length of the 100.6-mile-long Canal, from the Port Said lighthouse at the northern entrance down to Suez, after a lapse of six years and nearly nine months.

After handing over to the Unef at 4 p.m. yesterday, the Israelis are now regrouping along a stretch east of the Unef buffer zone extending some 200 kms. from the Mediterranean shoreline to the Gulf of Suez just south of Ain Moussa.

This part of Israel-held Sinai, varying in depth up to eight kms., has been demilitarized in accordance with the disengagement agreement. It will serve as an "early warning zone" and will be garrisoned mainly by patrols and observation posts.

A second Israeli line, along the area's eastern edge, is not subject to any arms or troop build-up restrictions. It includes the Gidi and Mitla passes which between them control the southern half of the line. Recent building contracts awarded to local firms for construction projects in this area are believed to run into well over IL100m.

In spite of the fact that the two opposing armies will be isolated from each other the IDF's numerical strength in Sinai (and, for that matter, along other fronts as well) will be considerably greater than it has been at any other time.

In Cairo, U.N. spokesman Rudolf Stajduhar told a news briefing the Israeli handover to Unef "went smoothly."

(See U.S., British Navies, page 5)

Egypt seeks lifting of oil embargo

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt yesterday formally asked that an Arab oil conference be convened in Tripoli next Sunday. The aim of the conference was believed to be the lifting of the five-month-old Arab oil embargo against the U.S.

Cairo's Middle East News Agency said five of the major Arab oil-producing states, including Saudi Arabia, were in favour of holding the early conference.

The Beirut press predicted the Arab oil ban against the U.S. and other western countries would be lifted in three stages — the first would take effect immediately, in view of yesterday's completion of the separation of forces on the Egyptian front; the second would follow disengagement between Syria and Israel; while the embargo would be lifted entirely with "substantial progress" towards a settlement of the Israel-Arab conflict.

The lifting of the Arab oil ban was urged by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Dr. Kissinger yesterday left the Middle East for Bonn and Brussels after a six-day tour which resulted in an agreement by Israel and Syria to negotiate a military disengagement in Washington within two weeks. The agreement followed Damascus' release of the names of Israel's PoWs and allowing Red Cross officials to visit them.

Kissinger's last stop in the Middle East was Amman where he was reported to have discussed with King Hussein Jordan's demand for its own military disengagement with Israel along the Jordan river.

Kissinger to Bonn, Brussels

BONN (Reuter). — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrived here last night from Amman for talks with West German leaders.

He drove from Bonn military air...

Brandt to begin talks with Foreign Minister Walter Scheel, the current chairman of the European Economic Community's Council of Ministers.

Dr. Kissinger will see Mr. Brandt this morning before travelling on to

Israel receives Red Cross report on PoWs

Jerusalem Post Reporter

...rael last night received the re... of Red Cross representatives ... visited the Israeli PoWs in ...a on Friday. The Red Cross re...entative in Israel, Mr. Michael ...vers, met with the Army's head ...manpower, Aluf Herzl Shafir, last ...t and gave him the report.

...r. Convers returned from Le...on where he met with the Red ... officials who made the visits. ...he Army released no statement ...night. Mr. Convers is expected ...bring the report to the Foreign ...istry in Jerusalem this morning.

Cabinet discussion on Syria

Jerusalem Post Reporter

...he Cabinet heard reports yes...ay from the Prime Minister, ...Defence Minister and the For... Minister on the talks in Tel ... on Friday with U.S. Secretary ...inger and on his suggestion — ...h Israel had informally accept... — that Israel and Syria send ...esentatives to Washington to ...uss further details of disen...ement with him.

...e Cabinet yesterday did not ...int Israel's representative to ...e talks with the Secretary ...h will probably take place only ...rds the middle of this month.

...e talks are intended as preli...ary to another visit by Dr. Kis...er to the region, at the end ...March, which he hopes will be ...wed by direct negotiations on ...gagement between Israel and ...a.

...e talks in Washington will not ... the form of negotiations, but ...ad the Secretary will meet ... each side separately in his ... effort to find the common ...nd between them.

Danger on roads

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — When driving at ... night on the roads, ... diers in the middle of ... institute a serious danger, ... only be seen at the last ... why is it not compulsory ... wear phosphorescent ... in Sweden in order to ... idents?

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...ifa, February 23.

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Golan Heights	90	—— 5	0—7
Nahariya	56	8—16	7—18
Safad	97	3— 7	2—10
Haifa Port	65	9—15	7—17
Tiberias	73	8—16	6—18
Nazareth	68	6—17	3—14
Afula	67	5—15	3—17
Shomron	73	6—10	4—14
Tel Aviv	62	9—15	7—18
Lod Airport	52	7—17	5—20
Jericho	73	7—19	5—21
Gaza	68	7—17	7—18
Beersheba	51	5—16	2—8
Eilat	29	7—21	8—21
Tiran Straits	41	11—21	——21

RAINFALL

	Yesterday's Rainfall	Season's total	Average annual total
Jerusalem	1.5	780	436
Golan	5		
Nahariya	1	568	601
Safad	3		
Haifa Port	8	487	508
Nazareth	3	584	628
Afula		486	483
Shomron		709	618
Tel Aviv		567	564
B-G Airport	16	309	513
Jericho		222	144
Gaza	5	482	371

Social and Personal

The new Belgian Consul-General in Jerusalem, Wilfried de-Pauw, paid a courtesy call on Friday on Raphael Levy, the acting Jerusalem District Representative.

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A 17-man delegation of the Free Democratic Party of Baden, now touring the country, were guests of the Haifa Municipal Executive at a reception yesterday.

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Mr. Reuven Rosenfelder, of the Technion's Public Relations Department, has been appointed spokesman of the institute.

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IN MEMORIAM

A memorial assembly for the late Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was held at the graveside on Mt. Herzl yesterday. Those attending included President Ephraim Katzir, Former President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Golda Meir, Miriam Eshkol, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, Justices Alfred Witkon and Haim Cohn, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Rahel Yanait Ben-Zvi.

DEPARTURE

Yael Sion-Dayan, to the U.S., for a two-week lecture tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal (by El Al).

Criminologist says:

Grave crime wave looms, root causes ignored 'to save money'

By MACABEE DEAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A crime wave follows every war, and the one which will soon hit Israel will, in all likelihood, be more intense than usual due to an undercurrent of bitterness and disappointment, in the general public, according to Shlomo Shoham, professor of criminology at Tel Aviv University.

"The police will be put under great pressure to cope with the situation, unless they are strongly reinforced with men, squad cars, and other facilities," he said.

Prof. Shoham said the authorities had "already jettisoned," due to its high cost, the only thing which could ameliorate the "coming crime wave." This was the list of recommendations by the Prime Minister's Committee for Youth Problems which had met for an entire year, often with Prime Minister Golda Meir in attendance.

The recommendations, aimed at attacking the "roots of crime," included: reducing the social-economic gap by raising the standards of the less privileged (and not by lowering the standards of admissions to institutions of learning); centralizing the handling of all social problems in one authority; revamping the present structure for caring for juvenile delinquents, whose failure was shown by the high rate of repeaters; and refraining from "pumping money mechanically" into the slums where it had little effect, and instead establishing the self-help structures for those in need.

"I've no doubt that the cost of implementing these recommendations would run into hundreds of millions. But in the long run it would prove a saving, for much of the money being saved now will have to be diverted to short-term projects whose value is highly doubtful. This includes greatly reinforcing the police and other security systems in the country," he said.

TEA FOR THREE Leaders of Mapam—Absorption Minister Natan Peled, Dov Zakin MK, and Ya'acov Hazan—sip and chat at their party's Central Committee meeting yesterday. (Shmuel Rahmani)

Young man killed by hit-run car

An 18-year-old Jerusalemite was fatally injured in a hit-and-run accident late Saturday night.

The youth, Yaacov Baruch Alter, was walking along Sderot Herzl when he was hit. He died of his injuries shortly after he was admitted to hospital.

The car collided with two parked vehicles before making off. Police were yesterday searching for the driver. *(Itim)*

Accident caused by fainting is 'not negligence'

HAIFA. — A pregnant woman who drove her car onto the pavement, seriously injuring a man, was acquitted of negligence by the Traffic Court here yesterday, after it was established that she had suffered a sudden attack of fainting brought on by her condition.

The woman, Dina Rankewitz, of Haifa, was in her fourth month of pregnancy last May, when she hit Mendel Czipser, 72, causing him injuries which led to the amputation of a leg.

She told the court that she did not know how she had driven onto the pavement. She said she had suddenly felt ill and had tried to draw up.

Two doctors, testifying for the defence, said that the accused suffered from slight anaemia and low blood pressure and it was possible that she had suffered a fainting spell as a result. *(Itim)*

Court martial for Sderot man on morals charge

ASHKELON. — The head of a public institution in the development town of Sderot has been charged with committing an indecent act by force on a 17-year-old girl. The charge was filed in the District Military Court, as the accused was serving as the local Haga civil defence commander when the alleged offence was committed.

According to the charge, the accused, a captain by rank, was travelling in a car with a high school pupil who had volunteered to work with Haga during the war, when he forced his attentions on her. The girl complained and an army disciplinary tribunal reduced him in rank and reprimanded him.

But the girl's parents asked for further measures and the O.C. Southern Command ordered that the man be prosecuted in the district court. *(Itim)*

Illegal propaganda isn't criminal

The Jerusalem Magistrates court yesterday acquitted a member of the Jewish Defence League of conducting illegal election propaganda.

Shimon Rahamim had been charged with putting up political posters in unauthorized places, in contravention of a restraining order issued by Justice Haim Cohn, who was chairman of the central elections committee. Judge Dan Bein ruled that under the elections law, this was not a criminal offence. He recommended that the law be changed. *(Itim)*

Gonen v. Sharon to be probed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf David Elazar, has decided to set up a committee of inquiry to examine charges made by Aluf Shmuel Gonen, O.C. Southern Command, during the war, against the conduct of Aluf (Res.) Ariel Sharon towards him. Sharon, now a Likud leader in the Knesset, was a divisional commander under Gonen.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan informed the Cabinet yesterday of the Chief of Staff's step in answer to a query by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol.

The committee is to examine the circumstances to which Aluf Gonen's complaints relate, and the content of the complaints themselves. The complaints understood to refer to the stage of the war which followed the "containment stage." Aluf Gonen had submitted complaints against Sharon which related to the "containment stage" itself, and these were taken up by the Agranat Committee whose terms of reference extend up till the end of that stage.

The complaints referring to the later stage were sent by the Chief of Staff to the Judge Advocate-General who recommended that a committee of inquiry be set up. The Advocate's recommendation was passed on to the Attorney-General, Meir Shamgar, who concurred.

No information was available last night as to whether the members of the committee will be serving officers, and if so of what rank; former officers, or civilian jurists.

After the war, Aluf Gonen was transferred to the subordinate command of Southern Sinai.

Paralysed by operation, claims IL5m.

TEL AVIV. — A merchant from Turkey, who was paralysed following an operation at the Sheba Medical Centre, is suing the government for IL5m. This is the largest amount ever claimed for damages in an Israel court.

However, the suit is not yet official as the plaintiff, Yitzhak Hananel, 42, has not yet paid the registration fees and has petitioned the court clerk to allow him to pay them after the trial. The Sheba Medical Centre, which is a government hospital, has not yet filed any defence.

Hananel described himself as a wealthy merchant, who formerly made IL250,000 a year. He said he came to Israel from Turkey on the advice of a doctor there after feeling pain in his legs. He underwent the operation, he said, on the advice of doctors here, who did not warn him of possible damage to his spinal column.

Now living in North Tel Aviv with his wife and two children, Hananel said the amount of the damages sought was determined by his loss of income owing to his paralysis. *(Itim)*

Daughter found after 8 months

EILAT. — A 16-year-old girl who had been missing from her home in Jaffa for eight months was found here yesterday. Yehudit Papo left home after quarrelling with her parents. Since then she had been living and working as a housemaid in Eilat under an assumed name.

Her father had been searching for her in different parts of the country since her disappearance. Yesterday he came to Eilat and showed her photograph to an officer at the police station, who recognized her and sent two constables to pick her up (Itim)

Allenby Bridge closed again

Allenby Bridge was yesterday closed again for traffic as a result of the floods caused by the recent heavy rains. Movement across the Jordan River was once again restricted to the Adam (Damya) Bridge further north.

This is the second time in four weeks that Allenby Bridge has been flooded. A spokesman for the Judea and Samaria Command yesterday said it would stay closed "until further notice."

Officers in new dispute with Zim

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A new dispute between the Marine Officers Union and Zim broke out yesterday over the company's intention to sell off two more of its money-losing coasters of the Matriarch class. The management informed the union that it was "suspending the operations of the two ships, Esther, now in Venice and Leah, now in Piraeus.

It would contact the union on the future employment of the ships' crews of 24 men, including 10 officers each.

The union immediately ordered its men not to leave the ships and announced it would appeal to the Histadrut. The union charged Zim with "deliberately undermining" the relations between them.

The Zim spokesman commented that, at this stage, the ships were only being laid up, but conceded that the intention is to sell them because they are losing money. He stressed that, during the past half year, three modern new vessels had been put into service on the Haifa-Europe line, and each of them could replace three of the coasters.

Sharon heads Liberal Party political group

TEL AVIV. — Ariel (Arik) Sharon was elected chairman on Friday of the Political Committee which the Liberal Party has decided to establish. Mr. Sharon will choose the Committee's members.

The Party Executive also resolved to set up a Social Affairs Committee and to revive its Economics Committee.

Swiss say Kol let them down on charters

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Two Swiss companies last night claimed that Tourism Minister Moshe Kol had backed them in their request to fly charters to Israel. Despite this, the Transport Ministry and the Civil Aviation rejected their request.

The Israel representative of the Phoenix air charter company and the Gruppenreisen travel agency of Zurich, Menahem Laufer, said that the company had planned to bring 4,000 pilgrims to Israel in the periods from April to June and from September to December.

Mr. Laufer said that, during the war, Phoenix had flown 28 flights on the London-Brussels-Tel-Aviv line for El Al. Because the company had thus abandoned the traditional Swiss neutrality, its licence was now imperilled, he said.

Israel permits three categories of charter flights: tourists from Scandinavia, pilgrims and students. The Civil Aviation Authority claimed that it was uncertain the company would fly *bona fide* pilgrims.

Labour panel closes 'Ot'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's "Conciliation Committee" has decided to close down the party's controversial weekly, "Ot," which has consistenty taken an anti-Dayan line.

The weekly will be replaced with a new ideological periodical, but no details on this were available. Basic ideology will be reviewed every two months in combined sessions of the Party's Leadership Bureau, Knesset faction and Histadrut contingent at the party ideological college, Beit Berl.

Likud still out of Histadrut c'ttee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KFAR SABA. — The Lashiluv Circle of young Labour Party political key men yesterday decided not to invite the Likud to join the new central committee of the Histadrut. The Likud was not taken into the coalition which ran the Histadrut under former Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon.

Gavriel Bartal, of the Histadrut executive, had suggested that there were no striking differences between the Labour party and the Likud in trade union matters.

He also stated that the Likud must undertake not to demand the separation of industrial enterprises from the Histadrut setup. However, Mr. Bartal's motion was voted down unanimously.

25 SUITCASES and crates belonging to immigrants were stolen from the Jewish Agency warehouse at Tsrifin, near Ramle, on Friday night.

Meir returning

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danger of having to resign their Knesset seats because they are appointed to the cabinet."

Nobody noticed this diversion and she went on coolly to explain her plans to incorporate the Development Ministry with the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and to create a new Ministry of Information, which would handle the Broadcasting Authority (TV and Radio) the Government Press office, and general information at home and abroad — the latter not conflicting in any way with the work of the embassies.

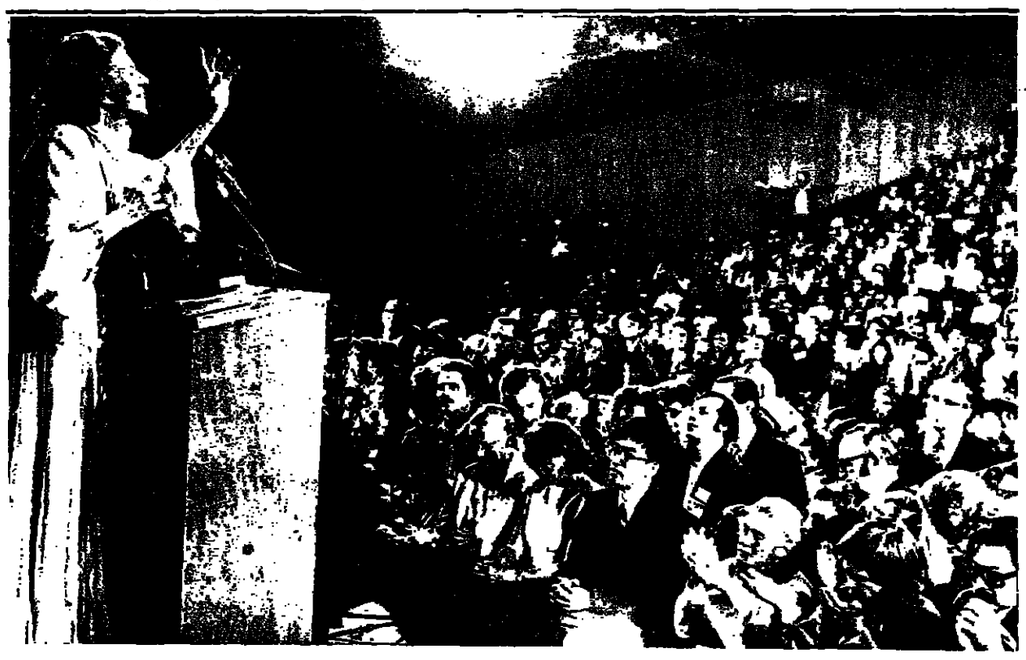
Mrs. Meir said the next cabinet would have two Ministers-without-Portfolio (Israel Galili and Gideon Hausner). The Ministries of Interior, Social Welfare and Religious Affairs would be left under caretaker arrangements until the NRP made up its mind, she said. Because of the unclear situation with Rafi, she said, she was not naming ministers for the labour, transport and information portfolios, although she planned that Rafi would take two of them, and Moshe Baram the third.

Mrs. Meir then read her proposed Cabinet out:

- Prime Minister — Golda Meir.
- Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister — Yigal Alon.
- Finance Minister — Pinhas Sapir.
- Defence Minister — Yitzhak Rabin.
- Health Minister — Victor Shemtov.
- Foreign Minister — Abba Eban.
- Agriculture Minister — Haim Gvati.
- Commerce and Industry, and Development Minister — Haim Bar-Lev.
- Police Minister — Shlomo Hillel.
- Justice Minister — Haim Zadok.
- Immigrant Absorption Minister — Shlomo Rosen.
- Housing Minister — Yehoshua Rabinovitch.
- Tourism Minister — Moshe Kol.
- Communications Minister — Aharon Uzzan.
- Ministers without Portfolio — Israel Galili and Gideon Hausner.
- Labour, Transport and Information Ministers — still undecided.

Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi shocked many of his listeners by his pessimistic talk of the "gnawing doubt among the younger generation about Israel's "capacity for survival."

A government of national unity was the only answer, Almogi said, provided it was committed to making territorial concessions for the sake of peace, and to ensure United States friendship without bowing to U.S. dictates.



EVANGELIST Kathryn Kuhlman holding a miracle service yesterday afternoon at Binyenei Ha'ooma. It least 200 members of the audience claimed to have been cured of various ailments during the four-hour session. The session is part of the First World Conference of the Holy Spirit. (Weiss)

Lapidot denies selling oil cheap

TEL AVIV. — Lapidot charges fuel companies the same price as the Government pays for petroleum abroad, plus transport to Israel. This was stated in the District Court here yesterday in answer to stockholders' charges that the company was selling oil at less than the world price.

The stockholders of Lapidot and Naphtha claim that the Government, which is a major stockholder, has been forcing the companies into a series of unbusinesslike acts so as to force down the price of the private shares. The Lapidot counsel said, however, that the company charged Paz, Delek and Sonol $11.52 a barrel.

In a declaration to the court, the director of Naphtha said that if the two companies had to comply with the group of stockholders' demands, they would have to close their wells, causing losses of millions of pounds. *(Itim)*

752 tables participated in bridge congress in Tel Aviv

By GEORGE E. LEVINREW
Jerusalem Post Bridge Reporter

A record- breaking 752 tables participated in the 12 days of the Ninth International Israel Bridge Congress which ended last week at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv.

There were 78 guests from abroad, only a few less than last year, among the over 400 participants. The largest contingents came from France, England, Scotland and Holland, with others from South Africa, Belgium, Switzerland, the U.S., Germany, Italy and Rhodesia. Members of the Dutch team were guests of the Israel Bridge Federation.

Visitors from abroad won three of the five main events: Mrs. Bollak-De Bruyne of Belgium won the Mixed Pairs, Tintner-Yallouze of France won the Open Pairs, Collings-Mrs. Bollak with Shenkin-Levinson of England, Belgium and Scotland won the Masters' Teams. Mrs. Brechner of Tel Aviv won the Individuals, and Frydrich-Shaufel, Hochzeit-Levitt, Romik-Lev of Tel Aviv won the Swiss Teams. A special one session pair game of only 13 tables was won by Dr. Pylaum-Pilitz of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv.

Planning began in November when the Israel Bridge Federation decided to hold the congress as a symbol of getting back to normal.

Israel players won praise from the visitors by reducing the excessive noise they usually make.

Governmental assistance came from the Ministry of Tourism, and many commercial firms donated valuable prizes. Lon representative of Faberge was the sponsor, and Karat Ltd., representative of Canon calculating machines contributed IL10,000.

Many of the guests expect to be in Israel again in November when the European Bridge Championships will be held at the Sharon Hotel in Herzliya with over 20 countries represented.

Khan Yunis hospital renovated and enlarged

KHAN YUNIS. — The regional hospital here, rebuilt and enlarged at a cost of over IL3m. to the Ministry of Health, was dedicated last week.

Participating in the ceremony were Health Minister Victor Shemtov, coordinator for the areas, Aluf Shlomo Gazit, area commander, Tat/Aluf Avraham Orly, and the Gaza district physician, Dr. Kheiry Abu Ramadan. The hospital now has 210 beds as compared with 110 beds formerly.

We are happy to announce the birth of
Liran
on February 22, 1974,
Ilana and Jair Kirsh-Lanir, Parents
Dobby and Israel Kirsh, Grandparents
Sonja Franken-Druy, Great-grandmother

SOUTH AFRICAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, HAIFA
SOCIAL INTEGRATION COMMITTEE
The reception for the new Mayor of Haifa, Mr. YOSEF ALMOGI, M.K., due to be held tonight, March 4, has been POSTPONED until Monday, March 11, and will take place at the 120 Club, 120 Rehov Panorama, Haifa, at 8.15 p.m.

In very deep sorrow,
we announce the untimely death
of my beloved husband,
our father, and brother
HERSHCU S. CAHAN
(Bucharest-Asmara)
His wife, Esther
His daughters, Lisa, Dova
His sisters, Leah, and
and Boris Gwircman, and
Suzy Lazar Kops, and children,
Varda, Gabi and Dov
His aunts, Gisela Margulies
and Suzy Cohen

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our dear
GÜNTER HERZ
Architect
on Friday, March 1, 1974.
His wife, Ilse, Tel Aviv
His son, Dr. Amitay, Rehovot
Merhav Family, Cohen Family
and the family abroad

We wish to express our sympathy to the
Stopnizki, Schwartz, Staum and
Droyanov Families
on the death of their
MOTHER — WIFE ע"ה
GLENOFF (Israel) Ltd.
TOYLAND Ltd.

To our colleague and friend,
ANNA COHENKA
We share your grief on the death of your
FATHER
YOUR COLLEAGUES

We wish to express our gratitude to
all friends and relatives who
expressed sympathy on our bereavement.
The unveiling of the tombstone and a memorial
meeting for our beloved
Dr. WALTER FULD
will take place in Holon Cemetery on March [illegible]
(new entrance).
THE FAMILY

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Parents reject JNF bid for school war bonds

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National Parents Association is demanding that the voluntary war bonds bought from schoolchildren's contributions be registered in the name of the Association.

The Association's national treasurer, Baruch Kirschensaft, said yesterday that the parents oppose the Teachers' Council decision to register most of the bonds in the name of the Jewish National Fund.

The bonds will be redeemable in some 15 years. It is estimated that the schoolchildren have donated between IL500,000 and IL1,500,000. Each school class was induced to pledge a joint IL100 contribution, and many actually gave IL250 or more.

The parents say that the contributions actually came from them, and thus when the bonds are redeemable the money should go to help Parents Association causes.

The Teachers' Council for the JNF maintains that in many schools it was announced in advance that the funds would ultimately be turned over to that organization. The parents, for their part, say that they were not so informed, but that they will not contest the registration of the bonds in the schools where it is claimed that such advance announcements were made. Where these were not made, they will insist that the bonds be registered in the name of the Parents Association.

"Outright contributions are one thing and loans are another thing," Mr. Kirschensaft said. "If the JNF gets donations, it is perfectly legitimate, but the case in point is one where the children brought war loan bonds for large sums and mostly with their parents' money. We see no reason why the bonds should ultimately be turned over to a cause of the teachers' choice rather than the parents'," he asserted.

Parents and teachers representatives met over the weekend but reached no agreement.

The National Executive of the Parents Association is made up of representatives of local parents associations elected at a meeting of members from around the country.

An army helicopter lowers a 22-metre water pipe to complete a 1,600-year-old aqueduct irrigating the Jericho area. The Roman aqueduct, near Na'aran on the road from Ramallah to the Jordan Valley, collapsed during recent heavy rains. Its prompt reactivation was organized by the agriculture department of the Judea and the Samaria Command. The pipe weighs 2½ tons. The fixed water pipe in the picture was built some time ago as a substitute for the aqueduct, but is not servicable. (Barzilay)

Malraz warns atomic reactor would endanger nearby cities

By MACABEE DEAN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel will be laying the foundations for its own destruction if it goes ahead with plans to build an atomic reactor close to any settled area, the executive of the National Council for the Prevention of Noise and Air Pollution warned yesterday.

The speakers were: David Sivan, secretary-general of Malraz; Professor Anthony Peranio, of the Faculty of Civil Engineering of the Technion; Dr. Ami Krause, of the Graduate School of Business Administration of the Hebrew University; and Dr. Boaz Moav, MK.

The speakers pointed out that if anything serious went wrong with the reactor — which according to present plans is to go up at Nitzanim, on the sea coast, six kilometres south of Ashdod and six kilometres north of Ashkelon — these two towns "would have to be evacuated within five minutes."

Otherwise, the immediate death toll — according to a comparative survey drawn up in the U.S. — would be 3,400 persons, another 43,000 would be injured, and their houses would be uninhabitable for many years.

"And there is not one insurance policy written in Israel which covers such contingencies." Prof. Peranio said.

In case of such a disaster, the state would have to mobilize totally to deal with it. "And the one body which could help, the Israel Defence Forces, would have to be mobilized to guard the borders, since our neighbours might well exploit our national disaster," Dr. Krause added.

"And let us not be misled by the idea that the reactor would not break down," he went on. "The last time all our experts made a decision vital to the State of Israel was shortly before the Yom Kippur War. They said that the chances of a war breaking out were close to zero. And if the atomic reactor breaks down, the Yom Kippur War will appear, in retrospect, as a joyous picnic."

The speakers quoted Edward Teller, of the U.S., who said recently: "With the greater number of Simians monkeying with things they do not completely understand, sooner or later a fool will prove greater than the proof in a foolproof system."

Dr. Moav pointed out that, even if the "reactor does not break down, if it works perfectly, there are still dangers due to the normal escape of radioactive materials in minute amounts. In Michigan, cancer deaths increased 35 per cent in a nearby town five years after the reactor was activated, and deaths from leukemia rose by 130 per cent."

Moreover, disposal of the waste materials constitute a great danger, since a breakdown in the disposal system was possible at any point. A leak of these materials would be absorbed by plant and animal life, and eventually would reach mankind and lead to unknown genetic changes, he said.

All the speakers noted that the cost of building a reactor, or anything else in Israel, was always greater than predicted, and said this should be considered by those who thought an atomic reactor would be cheaper than conventional methods, despite the high cost of petroleum.

Mr. Sivan said it was incredible that tenders had already been issued for building an atomic reactor without "any public discussion, not even by the Knesset." He said Malraz would inform the residents of both Ashdod and Ashkelon of the danger to them. If an atomic reactor was built, Malraz hoped it would be "far, far from any human habitation, and somewhere in the furthest depths of the Negev," he said.

School system not doing enough, says Ora Namir

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

For about half the children in Israel, the existing educational system is not doing a good enough job in the opinion of Ora Namir, new Labour Party M.K. who will serve on the Education and Public Services Committees in the Knesset. Mrs. Namir will continue as Secretary-General of the Tel Aviv Working Mothers' Association.

"It isn't just a matter of building new schools," she explained when we met at her Tel Aviv office. "Even the Ministry of Education's own experts say a child's most formative years start at the age of two. But there is no formal educational setting for children so young. I think we have to accept the fact that there are two distinct sectors in the population: those who can take care of themselves, and whose children can do perfectly well in the school system as it exists, and those who need something more and something different. I think the welfare problem is tied up very closely with education. If we can teach children positive values, they will grow up to be workers rather than welfare cases."

Concerned about the crisis in forming the new government, and about dissensions within her own party, Mrs. Namir finds it difficult to talk about her plans as a Knesset Member "as if this is going to be a normal term." She fears there may be new elections very soon.

At the moment, Mrs. Namir is busy preparing for the Working Mothers' Association annual bazaar which will be held from March 6-11 at Beit Hahayal in Tel Aviv. This fund-raising event will help meet the ever-rising cost of maintaining the association's 19 institutions in the Tel Aviv area, 17 day nurseries, a dormitory for homeless children and an Arab kindergarten in Jaffa.

In addition to a varied assortment of merchandise, "which we will try to sell at reasonable prices," the bazaar will include special attractions such as entertainment performances designed to attract organized groups. On one evening, male Knesset members will replace the volunteer saleswomen behind the counters. "Every year, the foreign embassies are very generous in providing us with merchandise and this year, as always, the diplomats' wives will be our guests one day at the bazaar."

ORA NAMIR

All servicemen to be fingerprinted

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Regular soldiers and reservists will be obliged to give their fingerprints to the army under a new bill which the Government hopes to push through the Knesset forthwith. The requirement of fingerprints, insisted on since the war for easier identification of bodies, was included in emergency orders issued by the Defence Minister which the new bill comes to replace.

Defence Minister Moshe Dayan submitted the bill to the Cabinet yesterday and obtained its approval.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg said his Ministry is considering introducing legislation that would oblige civilians too to have their fingerprints taken — also for identification purposes.

Basketball opens Wednesday

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The National basketball league opens on Wednesday evening, four months behind schedule.

Since the Yom Kippur war, Israel basketball fans have only seen Tel Aviv Maccabi in action in European cup matches.

A decimated national team played 12 games in the United States and Canada, winning eight games and losing four against university squads.

The new season will be marked by the appearance of several new immigrant American players. Playing for Tel Aviv Hapoel will be Dave Neumark, at 2.17 meters, the tallest player in the country, and Alan Beckerman.

Teals for Tel Aviv

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The mayor of San Diego, California, Peter Wilson, arrived yesterday, bringing two rare birds as a gift for the Tel Aviv Zoo.

The birds, teals, a type of duck from Brazil, were given by the San Diego zoo. Mr. Wilson, accompanied by a broadcasting crew, will stay in Israel for 10 days. He and his party are the guests of the Ministry of Tourism. *(Itim)*

11 PAKISTANI and three Egyptian seamen, arrived at Haifa on four foreign freighters over the weekend. They were refused permission to come ashore, but will be allowed to sail with their ships when they sail again.

BLACK IRIS IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION

By YITZHAK OKED,
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — Clusters of Black Iris, some of the last in the world, growing in a 30-dunam field south of here, are in danger of disappearing.

The flowers, of a purple hue so dark that it verges on black, are known to grow only in Israel. Once they grew in great numbers all along the coastal region, especially the southern part. With the planting of citrus groves in this region, they disappeared. Now they are known to be growing only in two other places, south of Netanya and at Gan Sorek.

The field south of here, near the Rishon LeZion-Nes Ziona highway, is the largest. It has become a site of pilgrimage by nature lovers during the past few weeks, since this is the period when the Black Iris and many other wild flowers are in full bloom.

Up to this year, only a very small group of nature lovers knew the existence of the Black Iris in this field. But this year visitors began pulling out the flowers, and trampling others.

Mayor Hanania Gibstein has written to the head of the Nature Reserve Authority, Avraham Yoffe, M.K., requesting his help in transforming the field into a nature reserve. And in a gamble, Yehuda Vilner, local chairman of the Society for the Protection of Nature, has publicized the existence of the field, and invited nature lovers and whole classes of pupils from the area to come and visit the field.

Although there is a possibility, his plan might boomerang, Mr. Vilner explained, "First of all, in this way the place will not remain desolate, and the more people we will have to help us win the battle of transforming this place into a nature reserve."

The Black Iris in close-up, and a view of the endangered field. (Oked)

No new highways to be begun this year

HERZLIYA. — No new highway projects will be begun in the coming fiscal year because the Public Works Department budget has been slashed by two-thirds. This was announced here yesterday by Department spokesman Gideon Wapnick.

Instead of a proposed IL330m., the 1974/75 budget will be IL120m. This is the same sum spent this year but, because of rising prices, much less can be done with it.

The road projects that will be completed include Palmachim-Ashdod, Sha'ar Hagai-Sha'alvim, Beit Kama-Beersheba and Shefarim-Nazareth. *(Itim)*

CITY 'IS AND SHOULD BE JEWISH'

Jerusalem issue causes Raya to boycott Vatican meeting

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Archbishop Joseph Raya, head of the Greek Catholic community, has decided not to attend the forthcoming Vatican conference of the bishops of his church because he does not believe the issue of Jerusalem should be raised at such a forum. He said last night that he considers Jerusalem a political and not a religious question, and while he could take no official stand, "Deep in my heart I feel it is and should be Jewish."

The Archbishop said that he also had theological reasons for not attending the meeting, which he had made clear to the pertinent authorities, but could not discuss in the press.

The meeting, officially designated as a conference of a commission on the revision of the Oriental Code of Canon Law, is due to open in the Vatican on March 18. According to an official Vatican spokesman, the agenda does not include the Jerusalem question, "though some bishops might conceivably discuss the issue privately." But the patriarch of the Greek Catholic (Melkite) Church, Maximus V, who as Archbishop George Hakim had been Raya's predecessor in Israel, had stated in Baghdad that the bishops would "concentrate on the necessity of having Jerusalem returned to its legitimate owners — the Arabs."

Explaining his views on Jerusalem, Archbishop Raya said last night that, as a Christian, he did not hold Jerusalem to be "the centre of my life. Christ, whom I follow, is not dead and is not buried in Jerusalem. He has arisen and is alive, so that Jerusalem means no more to me than any other place in the Holy Land."

On the other hand, he was deeply conscious that "for my brothers the Jews" Jerusalem is "*The* holy city and essential to you." As for the Moslems, he believed that Mecca was their holy city. He was quite firm in his view that, for Christians, Jerusalem was a political and not a religious question, and that it should therefore not be raised at a meeting of bishops.

New surface for Jerusalem roads 'after the rain'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem's roads, chewed up by tanks last Independence Day and by snow scrapers this winter, will get a new coating of asphalt as soon as weather permits, Deputy Mayor Yehoshua Matza said last night.

Mr. Matza told the Municipal Council that mobilization of men and equipment since Yom Kippur had prevented repairs from being carried out sooner. Recent large-scale demobilization had permitted repair work to get under way in the past two weeks, he said, but bad weather had been a limiting factor.

Mayor Teddy Kollek, replying to a question about recent electricity failures in East Jerusalem, said the fault was not that of the Arab-owned East Jerusalem Electricity Co., but a faulty link-up with the Israel Electricity Corp. A second link-up has recently been completed in the southern part of the city, Mr. Kollek said.

Mr. Kollek leaves for the U.S. on Wednesday on a two-week fund raising mission. During his absence, Mr. Matza will be Acting Mayor.

THE EIN GEDI nature reserve has been closed to permit damage caused to the paths by the recent rains to be repaired.

Nablus youth held for friend's death

NABLUS. — An 18-year-old local youth has been arrested on suspicion of having stabbed his friend to death in a fight to prove which was stronger.

Passers-by found the body of Hassan Haddad, 17, near a local school on Friday night. The police established that he was killed with a knife, and that the last person to see him alive was the suspect. The two worked together in a soap factory, and had planned to go to the cinema that evening.

Questioning of the suspect, according to the police, revealed that the two had quarrelled about which of them was stronger, and had fought barehanded. In the course of the fight the suspect allegedly produced a knife and stabbed the victim. *(Itim)*

Bomb at door of sausage maker

TEL AVIV. — A small explosive charge went off outside the door of an apartment house at 47 Rehov Ben Gvirol here early yesterday morning. No one was hurt and only slight damage was caused.

The apartment belongs to Boris Schwartz, owner of a sausage factory in the Carmel market, and police suspect that business rivals planted the bomb. Attempts to sabotage Schwartz' business were made last year also.

Car thief drove into policeman, gets four years

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday sentenced a car thief who injured a policeman to four years imprisonment.

Late one night last September a police patrol came upon the accused, Eliahu Solomon, 24, fiddling with the engine of a Pontiac car. When they asked to see the licence, he pretended to look for it and drove off suddenly, injuring one of the policemen, Oded Marin.

Solomon contended he was sick in hospital at the time, but this was disproved and he was identified by the policeman. He was convicted of stealing a car, driving without a licence, and causing grievous bodily harm to a policeman.

In addition to the four year imprisonment, the court also activated a previous four-month suspended sentence and deprived Solomon of a driving licence for three years after his release. *(Itim)*

Communists lose Galilee village

Tarshiha, the New Communists, have lost control of the Iblin, West-Galilee, Local Council, after nine years of rule. A new coalition was established over the weekend, headed by Hwasha el-Haj, who has close ties with the Alignment.

Four jailed for sabotage bid

TEL AVIV. — The District Court here yesterday sent four Tulkarm High School pupils to prison for one to four years imprisonment for damaging a National Water Carrier installation.

The four had already been sentenced by a military court in Nablus for conspiring to commit sabotage, distributing inciting leaflets and cutting telephone wires. They were not affiliated with any terrorists group, but had set out to show that Tulkarm was "not quiet."

They set a fire in the water installation at Moshav Nitzanei Oz, near Natanya, thinking it was an electric power plant. The fire caused slight damage.

Mofid Abed Rabbo was sentenced to three years, Rashid Karsou'a to two years, Samir Assousa, 18 months, and Nashif Ali Jarrar was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. Their sentences will run partly concurrently with those passed by the military court. *(Itim)*

Dud grenade thrown in Gaza

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — An unknown person threw a hand grenade at an Israel vehicle in Omar el Mukhtar St. here yesterday. The grenade, which was old and rusty, failed to explode. A number of persons were detained for questioning.

The last such incident here ocurred in August when two Molotov cocktails were thrown at an Egged bus, causing no damage.

Jerusalem cemetery to have guards

Guards are to be posted at a section of the Mount of Olives cemetery where a number of graves which had been excavated were yesterday morning found to have been covered up again. Investigation revealed that Arab labourers working on the excavations had been threatened by youths from East Jerusalem if they continue working there.

The graves are in the part of the cemetery near the parking lot of the Panorama Hotel. The lot was built over the graves during the Jordanian occupation and its owners agreed to allow the Ministry for Religious Affairs to uncover them after they were promised a new area for a parking lot.

Man held for armed robbery at moshav

ASHKELON — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday ordered the detention of a suspect in Friday's armed robbery of IIL40,000 from Moshav Beer-Tuvia.

The suspect, a 23-year-old man whose name was not released for publication, claimed that he had been at his girl friend's home when the robbery occurred. He was ordered detained for three days so that police could check the alibi. *(Itim)*

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Magazine popularizes 'Third Reich'

Publishers advertise 'objective' picture of Nazism

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — A controversial new magazine popularizing the history of Adolf Hitler's "Third Reich" is scheduled to appear at West German news stands today.

The John Jahr Publishing House of Hamburg says the twice-monthly illustrated magazine will not try to judge on guilt or innocence but seek to offer an "objective" picture of how the rise of Nazism could occur.

The first 48-page edition, at a purchase price of 3 marks, will run to 500,000 copies, and is aimed mainly at West Germany's younger generation.

Originally the publishers planned to distribute thousands of small flags with Nazi swastikas imprinted on them to news stands as an advertising gimmick.

But a West Berlin court this weekend upheld an earlier verdict permitting police confiscation of the flags. West German law prohibits display of symbols glorifying Nazism.

The Organization of Victims of Nazism here previously protested use of the flags and called on news distributors not to accept them. Many of West Germany's radio and television stations have refused to accept advertising for the publication, but some newspapers printed half-page advertisements this weekend.

The magazine, the first of its kind in the Federal Republic, comes in the wake of the "Hitler Wave" of past years, the revival of popular interest in the Nazi era.

Purchasers of the magazine, entitled "The Third Reich, Events from 1933 to 1945, in Word, Picture and Sound," can also obtain a supplementary long-play record with sound documentaries such as Hitler's speeches.

Chief Editor Christian Zentner has been quoted in the press here as explaining that "we do not want to judge on guilt, but rather to make understandable for everyone what social, political and economic factors resulted in an entire nation supporting or tolerating Hitler and his lieutenants.

"The time is ripe for an objective answer of how it was all possible, without a search for guilt and the guilty." Zentner was quoted as saying.

The "Third Reich's" first edition contains contributions from such people as well-known journalist Sebastian Haffner, author Bernd Engelmann and Professor Theodore Eschenburg, dealing with various aspects of Hitler's rise to power.

German judge to be fired for report on Auschwitz

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A judge of the Fiscal Court of Hamburg (West Germany), Dr. Wilhelm Staeglich, is to be dismissed for a favourable article he published on the Auschwitz Extermination Camp. According to the "Deutschland Berichte" newsletter received here yesterday, Staeglich, who is a member of the German National Party, will face disciplinary proceedings for the article, "My Impressions of Auschwitz Concentration Camp in 1944," which he published in the extreme right wing magazine "Nation Europa."

In his article he described Auschwitz as "a well kept camp with decent accommodation." He describes having seen "bottles of milk on the desk," "considerate guards" and the "inmates free of fear."

The newsletter, which is published by Rolf Vogel in Bonn, stated that the Hamburg Senate regarded Staeglich's "report" as "deliberately glossing over what went on in Nazi concentration camps."

The newsletter also reported that a Lufwaffe unit headquarters has been renamed in memory of a famed Jewish World War One fighter pilot.

In a November 22 ceremony, the HQ of the 74th Fighter Squadron was renamed the "Wilhelm Frank Kaserne." This had been the first time that a unit HQ of the Federal Armed Forces had been named after a Jewish serviceman. The ceremony, in Neuburg on the Danube, had been attended by the Lufwaffe Chief of Staff, General Rall, and the chairman of the Central Council of the Jews in Germany, Werner Nachmann.

Italy's Rumor likely to form new gov't

ROME (Reuter). — Italian President Giovanni Leone is almost certain to ask outgoing Premier Mariano Rumor to form a new centre-left coalition following the government's resignation on Saturday, political sources said yesterday.

The president, who is due to hold two days of intensive political discussions starting today, will probably make his request tomorrow or Wednesday, the source said.

A new coalition government led by Rumor, the 58-year-old Christian Democrat who has been Premier four times in the last five years, may well be made up of the same four parties which formed the previous cabinet, the sources added.

But yesterday a question mark hung over the willingness of the small Republican Party to join a new coalition after their withdrawal of support on Friday toppled the outgoing government.

The Republicans walked out after the resignation of party leader Ugo La Malfa, 70, the government's Treasury Minister.

Rumor still commands widespread respect among political leaders and there has so far been no move to find a replacement Prime Minister, the sources added.

If he heads a new government, he will immediately face the problem of Italy's burgeoning bribery scandal in which some former ministers are reportedly involved.

An investigating committee is due to name its principal suspects in the case on Wednesday, and observers believe the revelations may prove to be of such magnitude as to have sparked a full-scale crisis even without La Malfa's resignation.

Meanwhile, the Communists, Italy's second largest party, said "any solution which might once again be based on outdated compromises" would be opposed by the Communists. They added there could be no such solution without the Communists in government.

Name 'Cassius Clay' angers ex-champ Ali

BEIRUT (Reuter). — Former World Heavyweight Boxing Champion Mohammad Ali said yesterday he was piqued by those who insisted on calling him by his former name, Cassius Clay, which he dropped when he was converted to Islam.

Ali, who arrived here on Saturday at the start of a five-nation Arab tour, told reporters that "I have dropped my former name, Cassius Clay, as this is a symbol of slavery," he said.

Solzhenitsyn lauds work of U.S. writer

NEW YORK (UPI). — Exiled Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn has praised the efforts of American writer Julius Epstein to bring to light the forced repatriation of Soviet citizens after World War II, according to yesterday's edition of "Parade" magazine.

The Sunday supplement, in its "intelligence report," states Stanford University scholar and journalist Julius Epstein stumbled across "Operation Keelhaul" 20 year ago, while working in the Army history branch in Alexandria, Virginia. When Epstein asked to see documents on the operation, he was told it was "top secret" — and still remains so, the magazine said.

"Parade" quoted Solzhenitsyn from his book, "The Gulag Archipelago," which is being published in the U.S. in May, as thanking Epstein for his efforts.

"I make bold to convey thanks from the mass of those who perished (in Soviet prison camps) as well as the few who survived, to Julius Epstein, who has worked 20 years on this one story," the Soviet writer said.

Despite the military's efforts to withhold records, Epstein wrote "Operation Keelhaul: the Story of Forced Repatriation." It tells how Russian Nationals were clubbed, gassed, and drugged to insure their return to the Soviet Union by British and American forces. Many killed themselves rather than return to their homeland, according to Epstein.

According to "Parade", Epstein, upon learning of Solzhenitsyn's comments, declared, "That was the greatest moment of my life, as a writer and a journalist."

Leaving an evening tattoo in Amman on Saturday night are, right to left, King Hussein, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Queen Alia and Crown Prince Hassan. (AP radiophoto)

Large oil deposits found in Morocco

RABAT (Reuter). — Large oil deposits, enough to satisfy the country's needs "for centuries" have been discovered in Morocco, it was announced yesterday.

King Hassan said the discovery was of "a very large quantity of stones and rocks that contain petroleum," apparently indicating that the find was shale oil.

The reserves were large enough "to cover our needs for centuries, even if needs increase and the demand develops," the King said in a broadcast speech.

Morocco at present imports nearly all its oil, over 1,700,000 tons of crude last year when it produced only 38,000 tons from its own oil fields which are nearing exhaustion.

The monarch added that the reserves were large enough to leave a surplus for export.

Speaking to mark the 13th anniversary of his accession, the monarch said Moroccan foreign policy with regard to the Arab world was "based on unconditional and absolute support of the demands and rights of our brothers, and on total approval of all the methods that they judge efficacious to attain their aims."

On domestic politics, the King said he was studying the question of holding legislative elections for a Parliament as provided for by the Constitution which was adopted by referendum two years ago.

He said representatives of the people would be able "to legislate and control government activity" after the dates of the elections are decided. Morocco has been without a Parliament since 1971 when the Chamber of Representatives was dissolved after being in office a few months.

Gaddafi will 'defend' Uganda

KAMPALA (AP). — Libyan leader colonel Muammer Gaddafi arrived here yesterday for a three-day official visit. He was met by President Idi Amin, and by an army commando guard of honour trained in Libya.

It is Gaddafi's first visit to Black Africa since he took over the government in Libya in 1969.

Later Gaddafi officially opened a new $10m. terminal building at Entebbe international airport, and told thousands who gathered to greet him that Libya will defend Ugandan independence.

Amin told Gaddafi: "You are the only revolutionary leader who speaks what is in your mind and one who believes all the people in the world must lead equal lives."

Gaddafi is scheduled to hand over several Mig fighter planes to Uganda while here. A month ago Libya signed a loan agreement with Uganda.

Turkish opium poppy farmers plant even before ban lifted

JOHN LAWTON

KAYABELEN, Turkey (UPI). — Opium poppy farmers danced through the streets of this central Anatolian village this weekend celebrating the prospects of another good poppy season.

Some farmers said they had already planted their seed in defiance of an 18-month-old government ban on poppy farming because they were sure it would be lifted soon.

The Istanbul newspaper "Hurriyet" reported last Friday that Turkey's United Nations representative, Resat Armin had told the U.N. Narcotics Commission: "Because of the grave economic situation created (by the ban) Turkey has decided to grow opium under strict controls for medical purposes."

A young man read the report aloud from the steps of the village mosque and the poppy farmers danced arm-in-arm to trumpet and drum music.

"Our fields are ploughed. The seed is ready. We would plant tomorrow if the government let us," said Ibrahim Senturk, 62, the poppy farmer's spokesman.

A young man who refused to be identified, said: "I have already planted my seeds."

The penalty for defying the ban, imposed in 1972 by a caretaker government under pressure from the United States, is three to seven years imprisonment.

When the ban was announced President Nixon hailed it as a major step to curbing illicit international drug traffic. According to U.S. drug enforcement administration statistics most of the drugs used illegally in the United States before 1972 were produced largely from Turkish opium.

American, French and Canadian officials told a meeting of the U.N. Narcotics Commission in Geneva last week that because of the Turkish opium poppy ban raw materials for illicit heroin production had almost dried up.

But the poppy farmers of Turkey's central highlands, where there is no drug problem, are bitter about the ban. "We are not even earning five per cent of what we made before," Senturk said.

Interviewed in Kayabelen's drafty, stone-floored coffee house, the farmers said that from the $35m. paid by the United States to the Turkish Government to tide over the poppy farmers, they had received an average of about 6,000 Turkish liras (IL1,700) each compensation for the loss of their livelihoods.

They said none of the planned projects to replace their incomes had begun.

"The Americans took away our livelihood and the government cheated us," said Halil Badak, 40.

U.S. officials in Istanbul said that even with the most stringent controls it would be difficult for the Turkish Government to prevent illicit opium sales in these rugged mountains once the ban was lifted.

The farmers said that before the ban they sold half their output illegally to drug smugglers, who paid up to 600 Turkish liras a kilo — three times more than the government paid to buy it for medicine.

No early trial by PLO of Rome Airport 'Five'

CAIRO (AP). — A terrorist "revolutionary court" scheduled to try five Palestinian terrorists who firebombed a Pan-Am jetliner in Rome last December, killing 31 people, is not expected to convene for "some time," Palestinian sources said yesterday.

The five arrived in Cairo from Kuwait on Saturday night and were handed over to Palestinian terrorist chief Yasser Arafat for trial, the sources said.

The trial cannot start before Arafat summons the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), the umbrella structure of the five major terrorist groups, to discuss "the date, place and the law" under which the five will be charged, the sources said.

The meeting could take place in either Damascus or Beirut, the sources added.

Arafat, head of the PLO, was quoted earlier as saying the five would be tried according to a "special law established for the case."

Bilbao's bishop defies official order to leave

BILBAO, Spain (AP). — The Bishop of Bilbao, Msgr. Antonio Anoveros, refused government orders to leave the country yesterday as club-swinging police charged on a crowd supporting him.

The government orders were delived to the Bishop by the Bilbao police chief, who visited the Bishop twice yesterday morning.

In both cases the 68-year-old churchman replied that he would not leave unless he received an express order from the Vatican.

Msgr. Anoveros has been under virtual house arrest in his home since last Wednesday when the government told him to remain there, "for precautionary reasons," after he authorized a sermon distributed in his diocese urging more freedom and autonomy for the Basques.

The Bilbao police chief warned the Bishop early yesterday to prepare to leave for Portugal. But Msgr. Anoveros said that he would not leave unless ordered by the Vatican.

He also said he would leave his home only if taken by force and not by his own free will.

The police chief made a second visit to the Bishop at noon and asked him again to leave but the prelate refused and said if he were removed from his home by force all participating in his transfer could incur the maximum canonic penalty — automatic excommunication.

The Bishop demanded that his transfer order out of the country be given to him in writing.

Meanwhile, a crowd estimated at 2,000 gathered in front of the Bishop's home. The crowd shouted encouragement to him and chanted the Basque Catholic song "Agur Jaunar" ("Goodbye, Sir").

Police charged the crowd with clubs in an effort to disperse them.

The Papal nuncio (Vatican ambassador) to Spain flew to Rome yesterday, and it was widely believed here that his visit was in connection with Msgr. Anoveros' case.

In Barcelona, Catalan anarchist Salvador Puig Antich, 26, executed on Saturday for killing a policeman was buried yesterday. A large police guard was on duty to prevent possible disorders.

Police allowed only Antich's mother, three sisters, and a priest who is a close friend of the family beside the cemetery, while a crowd of about 500, including Antich's lawyer, were kept outside.

No incidents were reported, but one Social Democrat organization distributed leaflets calling Antich's execution "a political assassination" carried out despite unanimous international petitions for clemency.

Reports from Tarragona say Heinz Ches, 33, of Stettin, Poland, also executed Saturday for killing a paramilitary civil guard, was buried yesterday.

Both men were executed by garrote, a 14th-century practice in which an iron collar is tightened around the neck until a spike pierces the spinal cord.

Selassie fires grandson commander of navy

ADDIS ABABA (UPI). — Emperor Haile Selassie last night fired his own grandson as navy commander shortly after the country's new Prime Minister announced a new partial cabinet in an effort to end a military revolt which began last Tuesday.

Initial reaction to the moves was favourable across the country.

The Emperor, who is overall commander of the 1,700-man navy, announced on national radio that Rear-Admiral Eskindar Desta, his grandson and one of five or six possible successors had been fired. Desta escaped to the French outpost of Djibouti aboard a minesweeper earlier in the week when rebel troops seized the Red Sea port of Massawa.

The emperor said Commander Tassew Desta, no relation to the admiral, would become deputy commander of the navy.

Diplomatic sources described the new Government as "one of new faces" and said it contained ministers on whom the rebels insisted.

Prime Minister Makonnen said on national radio he will complete his cabinet "shortly" by appointing Ministers of Information, Foreign Affairs, Education and Finance.

Western diplomats said the initial reaction among Ethiopians appears to be favourable. They were happy with a cabinet of new faces.

The sources described the announcement of the cabinet as the decisive point in the crisis.

If the army which seized control of the country earlier this week did not approve the appointments it might again take control, they said.

It appeared likely that the cabinet had been cleared before the public announcement, however, they said. If that was the case, the crisis could be ended for the moment.

Student radicals opposed to Makonnen declared they would continue to campaign for civil rights and economic reforms. They said the army has betrayed workers and students by ending bloodless Monday revolt without securing reform.

An after-dark curfew remained in effect in Addis Ababa but soccer games and other Sunday activities went on as usual. Armed police guarded some key targets such as banks, but were not out at others — including the airport and government broadcasting station.

The airport at the northern city of Asmara was reopened, the release of some 330 army and navy officers were being released, and a resident there said: "The rebel troops have pulled out of town. It is very quiet. The whole affair was comic opera."

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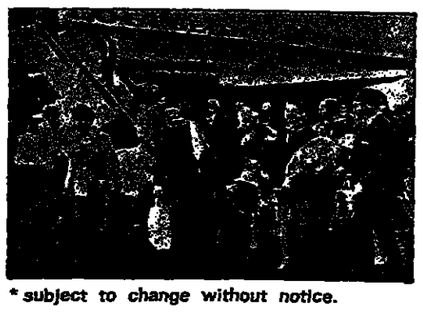

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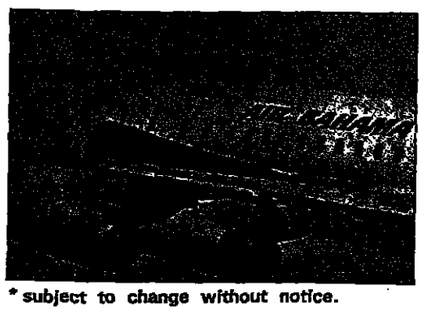

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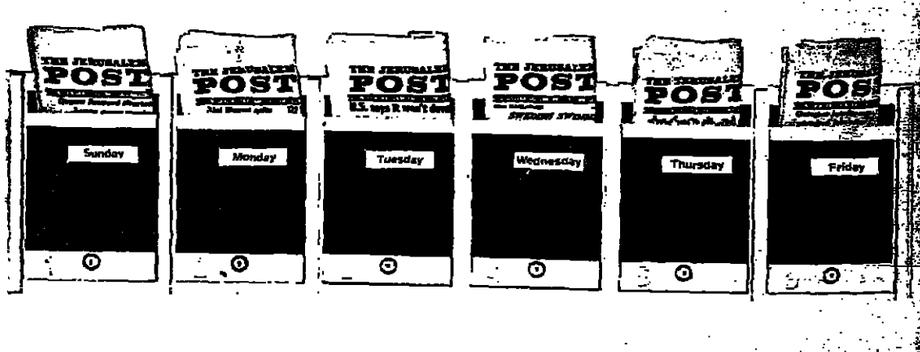

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Heath has slim chance of holding premiership

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Edward Heath is likely to resign by Wednesday unless he can form a Government with help from smaller political parties, sources close to his Conservative administration said yesterday.

His chances of clinging to office appeared slim as the British press and striking coal miners and other trade unions began a "Heath must go" campaign. Four out of the seven British national newspapers published yesterday said in editorials that Heath should quit.

The Prime Minister called last Thursday's election seeking an increased mandate of tough measures to resolve what he called Britain's worst economic crisis since World War II. Instead, the virtually deadlocked result created in addition the country's worst political crisis since the war.

Although the Conservatives finished second in terms of parliamentary seats, they won the largest popular vote — 11.8 million to 11.6 million for Labour. Heath used this to justify attempts to try and stay in office.

The Prime Minister faces two immediate problems. He must have assurances from other parties that would give him a majority in Parliament. And he must be able to settle quickly the national strike by coal miners that threatens to choke off coal-fuelled electricity supplies later this month and halt industry. His prospects on both counts appeared poor.

Heath called in Jeremy Thorpe on Saturday and offered the Liberal leader a place in the Cabinet in return for parliamentary support. The 14 Liberals, divided on whether they should join the Conservatives, meet today to decide. Heath would need all Liberal votes plus some from Scottish Nationalists and Northern Ireland unionists if he is to retain power.

On the basis of public statements from minor parties so far, Heath is unlikely to get enough support.

Depending on the Liberal decision and other factors, he must then advise Queen Elizabeth on his chance of forming a Government. The Queen interrupted a tour of Australia to return here for the election result. Buckingham Palace said she hopes to know by tomorrow whether she can resume her Australian tour on Wednesday.

There is no constitutional requirement that Heath report to the Queen by Wednesday, but political sources in his own party had said he was under pressure to resolve the crisis soon, perhaps within the next 48 hours.

The pro-Labour "Sunday Mirror" told Heath in a front page headline: "In the name of God, go." The Sunday "People," also pro-Labour, said in an editorial: "Heath the loser must get out."

TEL AVIV. — Dr. Elimelech Rimalt, chairman of Israel's Liberal Party, has cabled congratulations to Jeremy Thorpe, head of the British Liberals, "on the important progress" made by his party in the British elections.

FINAL LIST

LONDON (UPI). — Following are the final party standings in the new House of Commons (318 needed to control):

Conservatives — 296 seats.
Labour — 301 seats.
Liberals — 14 seats.
Ulster Loyalists — 11 seats.
Scottish Nationalists — 7 seats.
Welsh Nationalists — 2 seats.
N. Ireland Social Democratic and Labour — 1 seat.
Independent Labour — 1 seat.
Democratic Labour — 1 seat.
Speaker of the House — 1 seat.

Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe has a smile and a wave for the crowd as he arrives at No. 10 Downing Street for talks with Prime Minister Heath on Saturday. (AP radiophoto)

Nixon gov't dropped spying charge against Admiral and yeoman

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — The Nixon Administration quietly dropped action against a rear admiral and a petty officer suspected of spying in the White House for the Pentagon, although investigators strongly suggested they failed lie detector tests, according to Congressional evidence released on Saturday.

Rear Admiral Robert Welander, former head of the Defence Department's liaison office at the White House, testified that several days after he took a lie detector test in December 1971, former presidential aide John Ehrlichman accused him of political spying and "recording gossip."

Navy yeoman Charles Radford, who was accused of leaking National Security Council documents to columnist Jack Anderson, said he was told he did poorly in a lie detector test, given while a Pentagon investigator cursed and verbally abused him.

The two men were transferred from their White House posts, and no legal action was taken.

New details of the Pentagon spying case were given on Saturday in closed-door testimony released by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The committee is continuing its investigation of the so-called military spy ring which in 1970 and 1971 allegedly pilfered top-secret documents from the White House and passed them to Defence Department officials.

The committee is expected to decide this week whether to call Ehrlichman, formerly President Nixon's domestic affairs adviser, and Fred Buzhardt, who was Pentagon counsel at the time.

The administration investigation, touched off by the leak of top-secret National Security Council documents to the Anderson column in December 1971, was quietly dropped.

Committee members noted that this happened at a time when Daniel Ellsberg was being prosecuted for leaking the Pentagon Papers on the Vietnam War to the press.

Admiral Welander said he had refused to sign a statement prepared by Ehrlichman confessing to spying, and after some discussion the matter was dropped.

Admiral Thomas Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Dr. Henry Kissinger, then full-time head of the National Security Council, have previously testified they thought Ehrlichman played a key role in the decision not to prosecute.

Yeoman Radford said that when he was given a lie detector test, a Defence Department investigator swore at him, pounded the table, and suggested he was a traitor.

Admiral Welander said the test was given to him in a calm atmosphere.

In defence of the President

By TERENCE HUNT

PROVIDENCE R.I. (AP). — A zealous staff working in a crowded four-room office has waged a nearly half-million dollar publicity campaign defending President Nixon against Watergate scandals and other charges.

Seven months after its formation, the National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency has grown from 18 charter members to a network of about 200 chapters claiming more than 200,000 members.

"I truly want to see literally thousands of groups, defending the President," says Rabbi Baruch Korff, who heads the operation and who donated his own vacation savings to form it.

Through newspaper advertisements, petitions, ads and public appearances, the Rabbi and his committee are spreading their message: the news media and scheming politicians have found Nixon guilty on all charges and are dedicated to getting him out of office.

By contrast, Korff describes Nixon as one of the greatest Presidents in the nation's history. "What rattles the liberals and the radicals, are not his vices, but his virtues. He has accomplished everything that eluded his predecessors of the liberal vintage."

Rabbi Korff, who works without pay, presides over a staff of eight paid workers and 200 volunteers. The committee reports spending nearly $450,000 in its campaign.

The committee urged Nixon not to surrender any of the Watergate tape recordings. After the existence of the tapes was disclosed, Rabbi Korff said he told Nixon, "I would have made a bonfire and burned them all to ashes because the President's first obligation, from an ethical point of view, is to the people who were on the tape and did not know they were."

Eventually the committee hopes to establish a permanent foundation for support of the office of the presidency.

Anti-Confucius campaign bid to aid spring farming

TOKYO (AP). — With Communist China continuing to press the campaign against Lin Piao and Confucius, its leading newspaper called yesterday for making the campaign "a powerful motive force in promoting spring farming."

An editorial in the "People's Daily" also called for Communist Party officials to go to the grass roots to "grasp revolution and promote production."

The editorial, broadcast by the official New China news agency, emphasized criticizing "the idealist conception of history" and "the highest are wise and the lowest stupid" preached by Lin Piao and "grasp the materialist conception of history that the slaves are the makers of history." This, it said, will help the masses see their own strength so that they will struggle both against nature and "class enemies."

The editorial said the spring farming season comes at a time "when the situation is excellent owing to the vigorously developing movement to criticize Lin Piao and Confucius."

Lin, the late Defence Minister whom Chinese leaders said plotted against Mao, and Confucius, the philosopher who lived 2,500 years ago, both are accused in the criticism campaign of having attempted to restore exploiting classes to rule.

The editorial said good spring farming work "is of vital importance for winning another good harvest in the wake of the good harvest 12 years running."

ANGOLA. — A delegation of the National Movement for Liberation of Angola met with Yugoslav officials in Belgrade yesterday to seek Yugoslavia's support for its movement.

TENNIS. — Arthur Ashe, of the U.S., won the World Championship Indoor Tennis Tournament in Barcelona, Spain, yesterday when he defeated Bjorn Borg of Sweden 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in the final.

Algeria, China rap Israeli 'aggression'

HONGKONG (UPI). — China and Algeria yesterday reaffirmed their support for the Arabs against Israel and said the root cause of the Middle East question lies in Israeli aggression and the contention between the big powers.

The statement was contained in a joint communique issued after the official visit of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne to China from February 25 to March 2. Boumedienne is now in North Korea.

Skeletons found of tiny dinosaurs locked in battle

MOSCOW (AP). — A scientific expedition in the Gobi Desert of Mongolia has discovered the 75 million-year-old skeleton of two tiny dinosaurs locked in combat, a leader of the expedition reported.

Rimchin Barsbold, head of the Mongolian section of the Soviet-Mongolian Paleontological Expedition, said the skeletons were only about 70-80 cms. in length. He speculated that the ancient reptiles weighed about 20 to 25 kilos.

His report was published in "Priroda" (Nature), magazine of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The skeletons were identified as the carnivorous dinosaur velociraptor and the herbivorous dinosaur protoceratops. The carnivore attacked the protoceratops and both died when the fight reached its peak, Barsbold said.

He said the corpses evidently were quickly buried by sand, explaining why the skeletons were well preserved.

Typhus closes schools in southern Italy

VIBO VALENTIA, Italy (AP). — Authorities ordered the closing of all schools in this southern Italy town of 25,000 after a typhus epidemic had affected about 100 persons, mainly children.

Health authorities said yesterday another 50 persons were suspected of having contracted the contagious illness.

A disinfection campaign began in all public offices as well as general vaccination.

Report of Israeli military advisers in Peru denied

SANTIAGO (Reuter). — The Peruvian Ambassador to Chile yesterday denied the report that the Peruvian Military were being instructed in desert warfare techniques by advisers from Israel.

"There are no Israeli instructors in Peru," said Ambassador Arturo Garcia, "and there will not be any in the future."

He also denied that Soviet missile bases were being set up on Peruvian territory, although he admitted that it was "probable" that Soviet military instructors were in Peru.

He said it was an already published fact that Peru recently bought Soviet tanks.

14-year-old boy a killer of Ulster policeman

BELFAST (UPI). — Police yesterday blamed two boys, one 14 and the other 18, for the murder of a policeman in central Belfast on Saturday. Both were the subject of an intensive manhunt.

The two stepped from an alley and shot Policeman Thomas Ian McClinton three times in the head killing him instantly, police said. McClinton, a 28-year-old married man with a daughter, was killed while on patrol in Donegall Street.

A police spokesman said the boy killer was dressed in a gray school uniform pullover and dark trousers. His companion was well built and with dark hair.

Windows broken in French Consulate

NEW YORK (AP). — Two windows of the French Consulate on New York's fashionable Fifth Avenue were smashed with bricks shortly before dawn yesterday, police reported.

An anonymous caller reported the incident to the Associated Press and denounced what he termed "the treacherous French." The caller accused the French of submitting to the Arabs in a political attempt to overcome the oil embargo.

CEAUSESCU. — Rumanian President Nicolae Ceausescu left Bucharest yesterday for a three-day official visit to the West African Republic of Liberia, the Rumanian News Agency "Agerpress" reported.

Mass anti-inflation rally by Japan housewives, workers

TOKYO (AP). — Some 150,000 workers and housewives staged "a mass rally to stop inflation" throughout Japan yesterday.

Later, the demonstrators, wearing head bands and shoulder bands bearing such slogans as "stop inflation" and "no more corrupt business practices" marched in orderly fashion on the streets.

The rally was sponsored by the joint action committee for the spring labour offensive" for higher pay and better working conditions.

The committee consists of the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan (Sohyo) and other labour unions.

In Tokyo, about 58,000 protesters participated in a rally at Yoyogi Park, addressed by labour leaders and representatives of three opposition parties — Socialist, Communist and Komeito (the clean government party).

The protesters adopted resolutions calling for joint struggles against inflation, Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka's government and "corrupt business practices by big enterprises."

The Tokyo consumer price index in February recorded a 24 per cent increase over February 1973. Consumers have blamed hoarding of commodities and price fixing and price hikes by big enterprises using the energy crisis as an excuse.

The rallies followed a 24-hour strike on Friday by the National Railway Unions to demand more money, both for themselves and Japan's needy, to cope with soaring prices.

HOARDERS. — The Iranian Senate judicial committee has endorsed a Government bill calling for the death penalty for hoarders of food. The Senate called for the death penalty for hoarders who sabotage national economy and security" as part of the Government campaign against hoarders and price boosters and to protect consumers against "impossible" prices for essentials.

World neglected W. Africa drought while 100,000 die, report says

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — A report released here last night said that hunger and famine-related disease killed over 100,000 people last year in West African countries stricken by drought while international relief was marked by a "pattern of neglect and inertia."

The document, prepared for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said United Nations and United States officials were often unprepared, or unable to make measures that might have further reduced the tragedy" in the Sahelian zone, south of the Sahara.

The report referred to "bureaucratic rivalries in the U.N." and to the role of other donors, such as the French, so conspicuous by their relative indifference to the tragedy."

It said that although scores of U.S. officials and others from the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) were in the zone from 1968, none had plans ready to deal with the "wave of hunger and disease" that broke in 1972.

The failure to plan meant such difficulties as "improvised relief measures, without such critical provisions as special rations to save severely malnourished children, or vaccines against measles, which U.S. medical teams later found to have been a major killer in the drought."

Transport within Africa was plagued by lack of planning for long-recognised obstacles, apparent indifference to warnings of impending shortages and unchecked waste and corruption, the report said.

The report also said the U.S. government reacted with "astonishing casualness" to data showing levels of starvation worse than in Bangladesh during its famine.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) failed to anticipate or act on evidence of "fatal discrimination" against nomadic peoples in the distribution of relief food in some countries.

The report alleged that transport of relief to Africa was obstructed by wheat sales made by the U.S. to the Soviet Union. They quoted an unnamed U.S. ambassador as having said: "It seems grain for humanitarian relief always takes a back seat to cash purchases."

U.S., British navies to clear Canal'

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt expects the U.S. and British navies to help clear the dormant Suez Canal of the explosive debris of two wars, the Cairo press said over the weekend.

A survey of diplomats found the announcement a bit premature, but experts agreed the two navies have complementary knowhow and equipment" to defuse the international waterway.

Royal Navy mine hunting vessels are ready to begin work in the canal by early April unless "terrible snags develop," one British source said. A Royal Navy team is in there next week to see what will be needed to provide logistical support for such an operation, he said.

The last of a team of U.S. military ordnance experts left yesterday, after making a two-week survey of the 160 kms. waterway.

Experts say it may take from two months to as much as a year to completely clear the waterway and its banks of mines, thousands of unexploded artillery shells and bombs, as well as planes and tanks. The Canal acquired its explosive contents during the Six Day War, the War of Attrition across the Canal during 1969 and 1970 — when each side lobbed thousands of rounds of artillery across, and occasionally into the Canal — and during the October War.

Although sophisticated British and American sonar equipment can locate the ordnance, most of the clearing work will have to be done by drivers gently probing the Canal bottom and delicately defusing the explosives.

Suez Canal Authority Chairman Mashour Ahmed Mashour was quoted as saying Egypt had "actually accepted offers" from the two navies. But no formal announcement had been made by either Washington or London.

Egyptian Army engineers began clearing parts of the Canal on February 7.

U Ne Win President of Socialist Burma

RANGOON (Reuter). — U Ne Win, who has ruled this country for the last 12 years, has become the first president of the Socialist Republic of Burma under a new constitution designed to make the country a socialist state under one-party rule.

U Ne Win was made president on Saturday night shortly after turning over power to a new 450-member People's Assembly, in his former capacity as chairman of the Revolutionary Council. He ruled Burma from the time of his bloodless coup in 1962.

Most of the Assembly members were from the single official party, the Burma Socialist Programme Party, with some independents.

Inaugurating the Assembly, U Ne Win, who had also been Prime Minister, announced the dissolution of the Revolutionary Council and declared that power was now in the hands of the people — "the real masters of this nation."

After its inauguration the assembly elected a 28-member State Council — the country's highest authority now. The Council then met and appointed U Ne Win as its chairman, thus making him President of the Republic.

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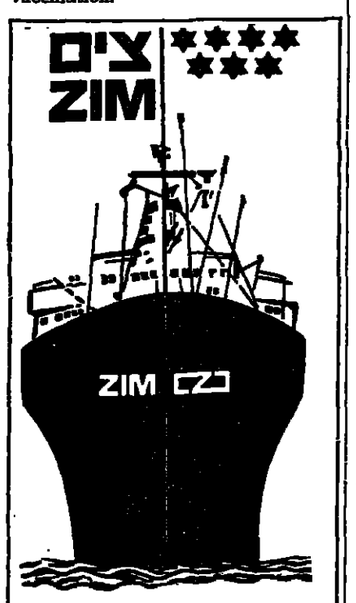

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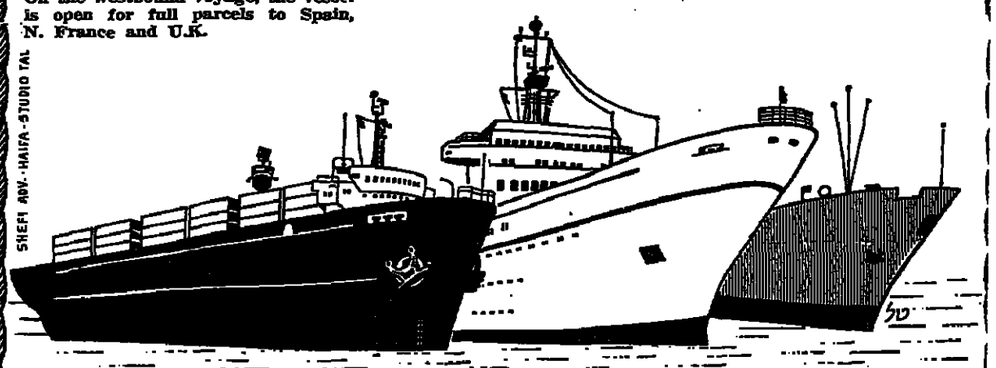

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EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Pamper (6)
7 Indisposed to activity (8)
8 Aquatic mammal (4)
10 Dog (6)
11 Lack food (6)
14 Unwell (3)
16 Bury (5)
17 Rodents (4)
19 Automaton (5)
21 Bird (5)
22 Concede (5)
23 Toboggan (4)
26 Precipitous (5)
28 Consumed (3)
29 Pertaining to a certain time (6)
30 Made glad (6)
31 Hawaiian garlands (4)
32 Pelgns (8)
33 Follows (6)

DOWN
1 Agree (6)
2 Hard outer coverings (6)
3 Roofing slab (4)
4 Helping (7)
5 Part of the body (5)
6 Guide (5)
8 Cut open (4)
9 Be afflicted (3)
12 Insect (3)
13 Poetry (5)
15 Illustrious (5)
18 Become less severe (5)
19 Fish eggs (3)
20 Offer at an auction (3)
21 Became mature (7)
22 At the same time (3)
23 Flight steps (6)
24 Allows (4)
25 Evades (6)
26 Gradient (5)
27 Finished (5)
28 Alcoholic drink (3)
30 Otherwise (4)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

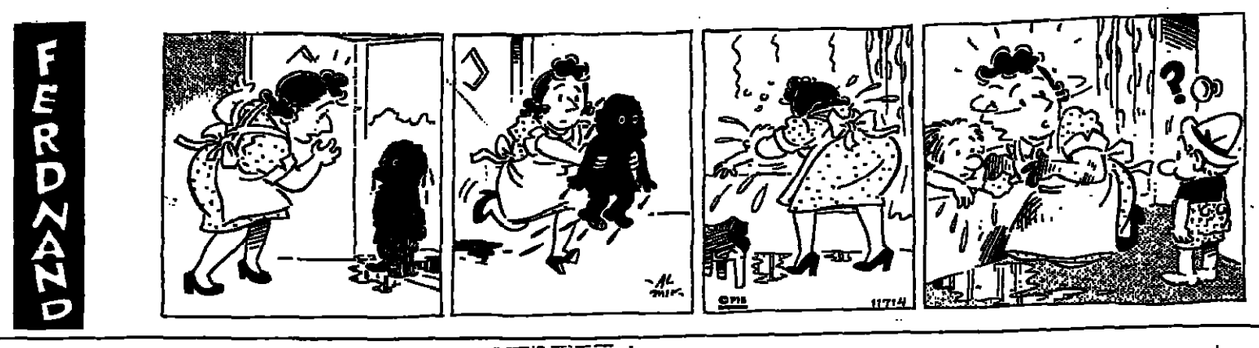
ACROSS
1 When Sol takes a dip (6)
7 Is such paint easily cracked? (6)
8 He may be lame (4)
10 They point to higher things than the church (6)
11 Jam in a jar? (6)
14 It's used in marine trades (3)
16 War bloomers? (5)
17 Colourful letter of confirmation (4)
19 Where bachelors take in washing? (5)
21 Continue waving to a vehicle (5)
22 Rustic parts of motorways? (5)
23 Spot an animal (4)
26 It's slow to bend a nail (5)
28 Point to one grit (3)
29 Where Belgian fishermen may do nets (6)
30 Low accommodation for a caller? (6)
31 Missing, but love will find it (4)
32 They'll do you a bad turn (8)
33 Taxing in court? (6)

DOWN
1 Ed needs little money to get pickled (6)
2 Reserves to resort to (6)
3 Watery tea, we hear (4)
4 Head relief? (7)
5 Alan's time (5)
6 Inserts with zip? (5)
8 Not your fuel source? (4)
9 Some simple tennis term (3)
12 Study her (3)
13 Eve puts on pounds without bulging (5)
15 Bookish attendants? (5)
18 They're spun off the tongue (3)
19 Exclude some husbands (3)
20 Final broadcast? (3)
21 As eaten by law-breaking eccentrics? (7)
22 Some aliens may be white (3)
23 Illness of two women? (6)
24 Commonly 50 per cent, no more (4)
25 Insect with a deceptively hairy tail (6)
26 Part of Yorks where there is no riding (5)
27 Tall storey? (5)
28 Original in three ways (3)
30 That of "Worm's Eye View"? (4)

Friday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—1, Great. 6, Essay. 9, Convent. 10, Twice. 11, Dance. 12, Enter. 13, Present. 15, Sue. 17, Idle. 18, Proper. 19, Cells. 20, Record. 22, Does. 24, Sat. 25, Immerse. 26, Pangs. 27, Minus. 28, Minor. 29, Recover. 30, Ogled. 31, Tents.
DOWN.—2, Reward. 3, Accuse. 4, Toe. 5, Event. 6, Endears. 7, Star. 8, Accrue. 12, Ended. 13, Piers. 14, Elect. 15, Spoor. 16, Erase. 18, Plume. 19, Creased. 21, Eating. 22, Desire. 23, Escort. 25, Igloo. 26, Pure. 28, Met.

Friday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—1, Late-r. 6, Ollia. 9, Feet-pad. 10, Shaft. 11, Found. 12, D-evil. 13, Tractor. 15, Pot. 17, Went. 18, Marina. 19, Final. 20, Swedes. 22, Bole. 24, Tar (back). 25, Started. 26, Slaps. 27, Photo (finish). 28, Anvil. 29, Out-ward. 30, Cry-PT. 31, Mount.
DOWN.—2, A-shore. 3, Effect. 4, Rot. 5, Steer. 6, Capital. 7, Idol. 8, L-on-don. 12, Dor-is (rod). 13, Twist. 14, Anger. 15, Pilot. 16, Tamed. 18, Ma-Sts. 19, Fell out. 21, Washer. 22, Branda. 23, Le-Gi-on. 25, Spawn. 26, Stop. 28, Arm.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLES ON WEDNESDAY



WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM

Hadassah Tours.
1. Medical Centre at 9.30 a.m., 11. a.m. 12.15 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Last tour on Friday at 12.15 p.m. Kennedy Building No charge. Buses 19 and 27.
2. Morning half-day tour of all Hadassah projects. IL8.40 ($2 per person towards transportation and refreshments.) By reservation only: Tel. 416333.

Hebrew University, conducted tours in English, weekdays at 9 and 11 a.m. starting from the lobby of the Administration Building at the Givat Ram Campus. For tours of the Mt. Scopus Campus, please call Tel. 330211, ext. 725. Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, Schneller Wood. Romema. Tel. 533822, 7.30 a.m.-dusk.

AT THE KHAN
1. An Evening of Chekhov Plays, directed by Michael Alfreds; at 8.30 p.m., every Tuesday in March (5, 12, 19, 26).
2. Folklore Evening of Song and Dance, with INBAL. Every Wednesday at 9 p.m.
3. TODAY, March 4, at 8.30 p.m.: Jewish Soul Music, with Giora Feldman, clarinet.

TEL AVIV

Tel Aviv Museum, Sderot Shaul Hamelech. Exhibitions: Max Liebermann — Drawing, Lithographs, Engravings (New Building); Eric Bruun — Posters from Finland; the Museum collections, Pinchas Kremegne — paintings (Zacks Hall.);
Richard Smith — 3D graphics and multiples (Recanati Auditorium Foyer).
Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, 6 Rehov Tarsat. Jean David — Paintings and Drawings, 1970-1973. Sun.-Thurs., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat., 6-10 p.m. Soldiers in uniform admitted free.
Ha'aretz Museum, Tel Aviv Museum Centre, Ramat Aviv. (1) Glass Museum; (2) Kadmon Numismatic Museum; (3) Ceramics Museum; (4) Museum of Science and Technology; (5) Museum of Ethnography and Folklore; (6) Alphabet Museum; (7) Nechushtan Pavilion; (8) Tel-Qasile Excavations; Open: Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., 9 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Fri., 9.00 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat. 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m.
Special exhibitions: Glass Museum, Ramat Aviv, Glass from Scandinavia; Ceramics Museum, Exhibition of Pottery by Nina Zanger.

Museum of Antiquities of Tel Aviv-Yafo 10 Rehov Mifraz Shlomo. Open as above. Museum of the History of Tel Aviv-Yafo, 27 Rehov Bialik. Open as above but closed Saturday.
● Tel Aviv University: —
Free conducted tours in English of Ramat Aviv Campus daily (except Saturday). Assembly point at University 10.30 a.m. Public Relations Dept., Transportation — on Mondays and Wednesdays — from hotels: 9.40 a.m. Tadmor, Sharon, Accadia, Validor, Samuel, Astor, Dan, Park, Deborah, Adiv, 10 a.m. Sheraton, Hilton, Ramat Aviv, Ami Shalom, Bazel. For further details, Tel. 416111, Public Relations Dept.
Mizrahi Women's Organization of America and Canada, 16, 18 Rehov Dov Hos, Tel Aviv. Call Tel. 220187, 243106; Jerusalem 222846, 521603; Haifa, 64523; Beersheba, 3171.
Ort Israel: For visits, please contact ORT Tel Aviv, Tel. 762291/2; ORT Jerusalem, Tel. 233675; ORT Haifa, Tel. 668000; ORT Netanya, Tel. 22922.
National Religious Women's Organization; Mizrahi and Hapoel Hamizrahi Women in Israel, 166 Rehov Ibn Gvirol, Tel Aviv; Call Tel. 788942, 440316; Jerusalem: Tel. 30620, 35282. Mondays/Wednesdays, guided tours through Neve Sara Herzog Complex, Bnei Brak.
Moetzet Hapoalot — Pioneer Women. Courtesy tours Sunday through Thursday 3 a.m., Tel Aviv Histadrut Bldg., 53 Rehov Arlosorov. Tel. 251111, Jerusalem, Beit Elisheva, Rehov Eliezar Hamodai, Katamon. Tel. 31316. Haifa Community Centre: Rehov Zahal, Kiryat Eliezar, Tel. 532554. Phone for Reservations
Wizo Tourist Club, 116 Rehov Hayarkon. Tel. 232939, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
● Canadian Hadassah-Wizo Office, 116 Hayarkon, Tel. 227060, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Israel Wax Museum, depicting the "Rebirth of Israel," Shalom Meyer Tower. Tel Aviv. Tel. 57304.

REHOVOT

WEITZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, Conducted tours, Sun. to Thurs., at 2.30 p.m., Fri. at 10.30 a.m., starting from the fobby of the Charles Clore Internation House.

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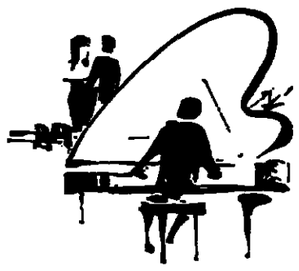
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CINEMAS

TEL AVIV
(4.30, 7.15, 9.30)
ALLENBY — Charley Varrick; BEN YEHUDA — Coogan's Bluff; CINEMA ONE — One Russian Summer; CINERAMA — Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid; CHEN — Mr. Hercules against Karate; DEKEL — Cat Ballou; EDEN — Four Riders; ESTHER — Blume in Love; DRIVE-IN-CINEMA — Hibernatus, Ballit, The Hot Rock; GAT — Pete N' Tillie; GORDON — Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; HOD — The Daring Dobermans; MAXIM — What they Did To Solange; LIMOR — Amorous Headmaster; MOGRABI — The Stone Killer; ORDAN — Sounder; OPHIR — Scorpio; ORLY — I'll Cry Tomorrow; PEER — Malisia; PARIS — Gum Shoe; RAMAT AVIV — Poseidon Adventure; STUDIO — Bananas; TOHELET — Duel; TEL AVIV — The Laughing Policeman; ZAFON — Les Granges Brulees.

JERUSALEM
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)
ARNON — The Glass House; CHEN — Kill; EDEN — Gun Fight at OK Corral; EDISON — Zulum; HAKIRAH — The Bigamist; JERUSALEM — Splendour in the Grass; OREGL — Le Feux de la chandelier; ORION — Gordon's War; ORNA — The Last American Hero; RON — Gone with the Wind; SEMADAR — Everything you always wanted to know about sex but were afraid to ask.

HAIFA
(4.00, 7.00, 9.00)
AMPHITHEATRE — Two Brothers From Trinity; ARMON — Coffy; ATZMON — Un Cave; BEIT ROTHSCHILD — Grzie Zia — Last Tango in Paris — Cartouche; CHEN — Return of Sabata; MIRON — The Delinquent; MORIAH — Coogan's Bluff; ORAH — Blume In Love; OREDA — Madame X; ORION — Infernal Street; ORLY — A Date With A Lonely Girl; PEER — Lady Sings The Blues; RON — Scarecrow; SHAVIT — Modern Times.

RAMAT GAN
ARMON — I Escaped From Devil's Island; HADAR — The Daring Dobermans; LILI — 55 Days At Peking; OASIS — Want So Much To Believe; ORDEA — Le Grand Blond Avec Une Chaussure Noire; RAMA — Decameron 69; RAMAT GAN — The Heartbreak Kid.

HERZLIYA
DAVID — La Decad Prodigieuse.

PETAH TIKVA
The True Story of Johnny Manata.

ON THE AIR

HEBREW NEWS AND NEWSREELS
1st Programme: News: Every hour on the hour except 7 and 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. Newsreels: 7.05 a.m., 1.05 p.m. and 11.05 p.m.
2nd Programme: News: Every hour on the hour except 7 and 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. Newsreels: 7.05 a.m. 1.05 p.m. and 11.05 p.m.
Galei Zahal: News: Every hour on the hour. Newsreels: 8.05 a.m. 12.05 and 5.05 p.m. and 12.05 a.m.

FIRST PROGRAMME
256, 323 and 221 M.
7.58 a.m. Opening 8.05 "Musical Delicacies" — Telemann: Quartet in E-minor for Flute and Strings (The Heidelberg Baroque Ensemble); Brahms: Sextet No. 2 in G-major, for Strings (The Amadeus Quartet, with Cecil Aronovitch-Viola and William Pleeth — Cello); 9.05 "Rare Music" Debussy: Marche Eccossaise; W.F. Bach: Concerto for Harpsichord and Orchestra (Soloist: Lionel Salter); Poulenc: Four Motets (1939) (Conductor: Pavel Kuen); Karel Salmon: "Metusalem Dances" (Conductor: George Singer). 9.55 English News. 10.05 "Chamber Music" (Second Broadcast) Duo Weiss (Violin and Piano): Schubert Duo opus 162; Elgar: Sonata; Chavez: Sonatina. 10.55 French News. 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Prgrammes for Elementary School. 11.35 Song and Melody. 12.15 Programme for Elementary Schools. 12.35 "Midday Concert" Debussy: "Prelude a l'apres-midi d'un faune" (Conductor: Pierre Boulez): Franck: "Les Djinns," for Piano and Orchestra (Soloist: Frantisek Maxian); Dukas: "L'apprenti Sorcier" (Conductor: Eugene Ormandy). 1.05 "At midday." 1.25 "Midday concert" (cont.). Respighi: "Pini di Roma" (Conductor: Charles Muench). 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — "Bettering your Knowledge." 3.30 Liberature-Questions and Answers. 3.50 Book Review. 4.05 "Bohree Musicale" (a recording from a concert at the Wise Auditorium, The Hebrew University), with "The Jazz Workshop" — Danny Gottfried-Piano, Albert Piamenta-Saxophone, Jerry Garval — Percussion and Shmuel Aroch — Bass-Guitar. 5.05 "The Israel Broadcasting Music Club" (recorded from a public performance in Kfar-Saba). Participants: Jimmy Lloyd (Spirituals), Avi Shoshani (Ladino-Romances), Giora Feidmann (Chassidic Songs). Producer — Eddie Halpern. 6.05 "Zahnah". 6.50 French News. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 Bible Reading: Ezekiel, chaps. 9 and 10. 8.05 "Lulu" — Opera by Alban Berg, with Evelyn Lear, conducted by Karl Boehm. Producer — Yehuda Cohen. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Radiostory". 12.20 A Moment of Poetry. 12.23 Close Down. 2.05-5.00 Songs and Tunes. 5.00-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME
457, 433, 299, 355 and 346.5 M.
5.05 Songs and Tunes. 5.55 a.m. Religious Service. 6.05 Exercises. 6.15 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew 7.05 This Morning. 7.35 "Hebrew Songs." 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.55 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.50 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 "Smile" — Songs and sketches. 1.05 At Midday. 1.35 Hebrew songs. 2.05 This is Rivka Michaeli 3.05 Requests 3.53 Encore — ed. by S. Rosen. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew 4.06 Hebrew Hit Parade. 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 Hit Parade (cont.). 5.45 Today's sport. 5.55 Announcements. 9.05 "The Archives Sing and Talk" — Kol Yisrael Recordings of Personalities, Artists and Events. 10.05 "Till Midnight" with Miriam Tamler. 11.05 "Tonight." 11.25 "Till Midnight" (cont.). 1.05-3.00 Songs and tunes.

ISRAEL TELEVISION SERVICE
5.30 News. 5.33 "Pompon." 5.40 "There are 6 kinds of Music." 6.00 Youth Magazine. 8. Mabat. 9.00 "McMillan and Wife." 10.15 "Whs Next" — Questions after the war. 11.15 News 11.20 Service Broadcast.
Educational: 7.50 Geometry 8. 8.15 English 9.05 Maths. 6. 9.35 Electricity 8. 10.00 Biology 10.20 English 5 11.05 Advice and Guidance 11.25 Geometry 8. 12.00 Biology 10. 12. Science. Physics 7. 12.40 Literature 3-5. 1. Biology 9. 1.20 Science 6. 1.40 Film. 2.10 Electricity 10. 4.00 Story. 4.14 Film. 4.42 English. 5. Art.
Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Sport. 7.17 Projects. 7.27 Programme Review. 7.30 News.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.
6.55 Opening 7.00 News 7.25 Song and Melody. News 8.05 Song and melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
487, 423, 256, 249, 355 and 346.5 M.
7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew, Ivrit La'am. Georgian 7.30 Yiddish 8.00 Ladino 8.15 Mograbi Rumanian 8.45 Russian 9.30 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); a.m. (1st programme);
1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves 5.30-5.45 p.m. (4th programme);
10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

FRENCH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES
7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 10.55 a.m. (1st programme);
2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves 6.50 p.m. (1st programme);
8.45-9.00 (4th programme);
12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
1st Programme — 322, 256, and 221 M.
4th Programme — 487, 445 and 292 M.
3rd Programme (short waves) — 16, 19, 25, 31, 3 and 49 M.

GALEI ZAHAL
6.05 Early Morning Tunes — Greetings. 7.05 M ning tunes (cont.). 7.55 Programme Trailer Zahal's Newsreel. 8.20 Requests 10.35 "Moment" — with Nathan Donewitz. 11.05 Warm Tasty 11.55 Haim Gure's Corner 12.05 Zahal's N sreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty 1.30 Yoseph Lap Corner. 1.35 Warm and Tasty 1.55 Announcem 2.05 Light entertainment. 2.30 Quiz 2.57 Program Trailer. 3.05 "3-4-5" — with Shmuel Shai and E Graf. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes Everybody — greetings. 6.05 "You, Sir, the Deck Maker" — with Uri Narkis 7.05 Cinema Magaz 8.05 Foreign Hit Parade. 10.05 "Tonight" — Edna Shavit. 11.53 Midnight Talk. 12.05 Zah Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds" — with Uri Lotan Pnina Bat-Zvi. 3.05-5.00 "Tunes in the Night."

The Israel National Opera
5.3.74 Tel Aviv at 8.00
CIRCUS PRINCESS — Kalman
6.3.74 Tel Aviv at 8.00
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The Israel Lands Administration offers plots on long leases for the erection of industrial structures and workshops, as detailed below:

Tender No.	Location	Purpose	No. of Plots
1/74/TA	Netanya	Industrial buildings	1
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4/74/TA	Rishon Lezion	Industrial buildings	1
5/74/TA	Holon	Industrial buildings	1
6/74/TA	Ramla	Industrial buildings	1
7/74/TA	Or Yehuda	Workshops	2
8/74/TA	Lod	Buildings for light industry	2
9/74/TA	Gan Yavneh	Industrial buildings	6

The allocation of a plot is dependent on the applicant being recommended by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
Details, sample agreements, and bid forms can be obtained from our Tel Aviv offices, 88 Derech Petah Tikva, Room 15, first floor, Tel Aviv, during normal working hours.
Last date for submitting bids is April 30, 1974 at 12 noon.
The Israel Lands Administration does not undertake to accept the highest or any bid.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE
Pedagogic Secretariat
It has been decided to permit an 8% increase in the present fees for kindergarten services.
The "present fee" is the fee legally due from parents during the period beginning September 1, 1973 (in accordance with a notice published in Yalkut Hapirsumim, No. 1942 of Sept. 9, 1973, which gave permission for kindergarten fees to be increased by IL1 above their level in the "determining" period — December 10, 1972 to December 31, 1972).

Municipality of Jerusalem
Culture Department
Ministry of Education and Culture
Adult Education Division
ULPANIT FOR ADULTS
Registration is continuing for the Hebrew Ulpanit for adults at the Denmark Comprehensive School, 2 Rehov Yehuda Hanassi, Gonen: Sunday and Tuesday, 8.00 a.m.-5.30 p.m.

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Adult Education Division
ULPAN REGISTRATION
Registration continues for Hebrew ulpanim and ulpaniot in all parts of the City. Details on public notice boards and at Beit Ha'am, 11 Rehov Bezalel, Tel. 222494.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Linked bonds are climbing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Index linked bonds continued to rise yesterday on the stock market, especially those which will be redeemed before the end of 1975. Then, the new law against "bond washing" — selling bonds which normally bear income to provide funds which are exempt from paying income taxes — will probably take effect.

Some of these bonds rose by three, and even four per cent yesterday. The turnover in bonds was IL1,330,000 yesterday. The Natad dollar fell by four points to IL5.04. One large bank threw some IL30,000 on the market, and another bank, which has been buying heavily, did not buy at all. Thus, only $134,000 was traded yesterday.

The stock market itself was dull, with only Bank Leumi making substantial gains — for the third consecutive day of trading. It rose by 4 points to 262 with 87,000 being traded. Naphta gained 0.5 to 86 (27,000), and Lapidot rose by 2.5 to 170 (also 27,000). The turnover in stocks was an even L1m., with IL160,000 traded in the variables.

The general index rose yesterday by 0.16 to stand at 242.32.

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DEBENTURES LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
Dead Sea Junior	r	248	250.7
Electric Corp. A	r	130.6	132.2
Electric Corp. B	r	151.1	151.6
LINKED to the C.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
...ta 1965, Index 110.1	b	304.5	300
...ahon 1968, Series 41	b	135.5	129.4
...ahon 1969, Series 41	b	265.0	241.4
COMMERCIAL BANKS BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
...sar Hityashvut	r	220	221
...D.B. pref.	r	196	196
...D.B. Bankholding	r	196	196
...ion Bank	r	159.5	160
...rael British Bank	b	276.6	276.5
...ccount Bank "A"	r	289	289
...ited Mizrahi Bank	b	450	455
...ank Hapoalim—10%	b	156.5	154
...ank Leumi—"A"	r	323	322
		262	258
MORTGAGE BANKS			
...n. Mortgage Bank	b	212.5	212.6
...rael Mortg. & Inv.	b	125	126
...ank Binyan	b	215	220
...av. & Mortg. Bank	b	216	216
...ousing Mortg. Bank	b	176	176
...efahot 8%	b	213	213.5
...fahot	b	210	209
...Bank 8%	r	70	68
...urance	b	193.5	194
...	b	261	261
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
...otor House	b	70	70.5
...lek C.	r	142.5	142.5
...ld Storage—IL10	r	171.5	170
...rael Electric Corp.	r	56.5	55
...ighterage & Supply	r	156	153
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
...orim	r	177	177
...ica Isr IL10	r	260	258.5
...Land Dev.	b	154	154
...el Boneh—10%	b	129	129
...operty & Build.	r	174	174.5
...as	r	136	136
...hadrim	b	192	194
...P. Isr. Citrus	r	81.5	83.5
...nglo-Isr. Investor	b	162.5	163
...ot Aviv	r	70	69.5
...Or Ltd.	r	165	165
...asco—8%	r	80.5	80
...asco—O.	r	63	61.5
INDUSTRIAL			
...lliance—B	r	469	462
...co—2.5	b	95	95
...ectra—5	b	180	180
..."argaman"—8%	b	285	285
...ta"—C	r	104.5	104
...tbek	r	350	353
...ect. Wire & Cable	b	172	172
...wa	b	880	880
...em. & Phosphates	r	68	65
...win Epstein	b	62.5	65
...oller Textile	r	160	160
...oenicia—8%	b	89	89
...aper Mills	r	289.5	292
...sis "B"	r	202.5	204
...echushtan	b	252	256.5
...emen—8%	b	124.5	124.5
..."aal" Plywood	b	204	205
...lite (A)		280	280
INVESTMENT & HOLDING COMPANIES			
...igar	b	83.5	84.5
...llern	b	159.5	156.5
...rael Central Trade	r	198.5	198.5
...ank Hapoalim	b	227	227
...s	b	93	91
...olfson IL10	b	88.5	87
...mpa	r	108	110
...iscount Bank	b	185.5	185.5
...nited Mizrahi	b	101.5	98.5
...ank Leumi	r	182	182
...ryon Investment	r	89.5	89.5
...assuta-For. Trade	r	79	79
...xport Bank	b	59	59
...al Investment	r	180	180.5
...al Industries	r	170	170
FUEL & OIL			
...aphta OTC	r	86	85
...apidoth OTC	r	170	167.5

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CURRENCIES DIP IN LILIENBLUM

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Most currencies took a "minor nose dive" yesterday in Lilienblum Street.

The Arabs from the administered areas again turned up to rid themselves of the dollars they bought some weeks ago at higher prices, and moreover (according to the dealers), "sources close to the authorities" were "dumping dollars" in an effort to force down the price before the tourist season started.

According to these dealers, few tourists will make the trip to Lilienblum Street — and run the risk of being picked up by the plain-clothes police, which yesterday was out in full force — unless the difference between the official rate and the black market rate is considerable, as it is today.

At any rate, the dollar (hundred dollar bills) fell by 10 points to IL5.05 per dollar. Dollar bills in small denominations also fell by 10 points to IL5 to the dollar, and dollar cheques to IL4.50 (although "good signature" cheques still brought IL4.30).

Other currencies fell as follows: DM, by five agorot to IL1.80; Swiss franc by six agorot to IL1.50; French franc by three agorot to IL0.95; Dutch florin by 10 agorot to IL1.60; and the pound sterling by 10 agorot to IL11.20.

Although a kilo of silver still went for IL1,230, gold dropped by IL1,800 (with very small turnover) to IL27,500 a kilo. Sovereigns fell by IL5 to IL280.

The three-piece 25th anniversary set went for IL4,600, and the (plain) candelabra for IL40 and the (proof) for IL60.

Since the banks have stopped buying absorption loan bonds of all series (except 1965) — because one-tenth of them will be redeemed on March 15 by lottery selection — much of this trade has shifted to Lilienblum Street.

(The banks do not wish to buy them since those bonds, which will come up for redemption on March 15, will be paid off according to the present index which will give a yield lower than the present inflated market price.)

In Lilienblum Street, the dealers are buying them in very large lots at a five per cent discount, and in "odd lots" at a 10 per cent discount.

(The 1965 series will come up for redemption only later in the year.)

13 second-hand Boeings all resold by IAI

LOD. — Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) have sold all the 13 Boeing 707 jet airliners which it bought second-hand from TWA two years ago. The aircraft, which were bought for a total of $6.5m., underwent overhauls and renovation by IAI, including the conversion of some to dual-purpose passenger-cargo planes.

No details were available on the customers or the price obtained. The planes were sold a year earlier than planned, it is learned.

IAI is examining an offer to purchase five more Boeings of a later model for renovation and resale. *(Itim)*

Export earnings expected to increase by 16%

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Israel's exports are planned to increase by 16 per cent this year to $1,585m. Allowing for the inflation in world prices, this means a rise in volume of 6-8 per cent.

The competitive situation on foreign markets has become tougher, owing to balance of payment difficulties created in most of Israel's customer and competitor countries by the explosion of oil prices.

Exports are static in those African territories that broke off relations during the October war. The absence of a diplomatic mission (and all attendant services) discourages Israeli businessmen from tackling these markets.

Yet there are openings to be exploited, according to officials in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Oil-exporting countries offer a foothold, though most of them (the Arab States) do not trade with Israel. Venezuela took $3m. of Israel's exports last year, is expected to buy $15m. this year — and the figure could rise to $50m. in 1975, officials believe.

Israel is mounting a trade exhibition in the capital, Caracas, in July. Delegates will then proceed to other potential good-customer countries in the Latin American continent, including Chile (currently enjoying a boom in copper prices) and Brazil.

The U.S. market remains booming, since America is less affected than the Europeans by the oil crisis. The Atid Trading Company has been merged into the Government of Israel's Trade Centre, run by the Israeli Trade Commissioner in New York. A delegation of 40 businessmen attended a fashion show at the Hilton Hotel in New York, which opened a week ago. Some went also to Dusseldorf, others to Tokyo. A mission representing the furniture industry trade will visit Britain shortly.

Israeli exhibits are booked to appear in almost 40 trade fairs during 1974. On May 19, awards will be given for the first time in 30 countries to foreign importers who bought $100,000 or more of Israeli goods. The presentation will be made by the local Israeli Ambassador or head of mission.

Safad wants more settlers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — This town's population is to double to 25,00 in the next eight years, District Planning Committee chairman Israël Koenig told the Town Council last week.

Presenting the new outline plan for the Northern District — which is to guide the development of most of Galilee into the 'eighties — the chairman explained that the plan saw Safad becoming a year-round (rather than just a summer) resort centre for the rest of the country. It is also to serve as a regional centre for higher education.

Mayor S. Nahmias pointed out that the Jewish population of Galilee is now only 55 per cent of the total. Action is needed to stem the steady *migration away from the region*, he said.

Jeweller jailed for export fraud

TEL AVIV. — A Tel Aviv jewellery dealer who defrauded the government out of IL1.7m. in export incentives, was sentenced to three years in jail by the District Court here. Amnon Jakont, 26, of Ramat Hen, pleaded guilty.

Jakont, who kept a shop at 183 Rehov Dizengoff, forged invoices from dealers abroad in order to present false export figures to the authorities. He bought dollars locally and claimed they were the proceeds of his export sales, on the strength of which he obtained IL1.7m. in export incentive payments.

Jakont claimed in court that he had been involved with a gang of criminals who compelled him to commit the offences.

Judge Hanna Avnor regretted that she could not oblige the accused to return the money immediately. She hoped the State would file a civil suit to regain the sum.

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Motor industry sees hard times coming

By IAN BREACH

LONDON — There will be almost no new car models on display at the international motor shows that take place each spring in Geneva and New York. The plain fact is that the manufacturers dare not commit themselves to the enormous costs of producing new models which may never sell. Throughout the industry, the feeling is growing strongly that the last truly new car has already been made, that the days of engineering innovation, experimental styling, and — by implication — a wide choice for the consumer are gone for ever.

All plans for introducing more than routine, low-cost facelifts of existing models have been shelved in the six major car-producing countries —the U.S., Japan, Italy, Germany, France and the U.K. Not only has recession, or the threat of it, hit sales, but it has curtailed the production of cars on order, with France alone retaining full-time working in its passenger car plants. Even France, however, is suffering from a global scarcity of materials — principally steel, but also non-ferrous metals, glass, plastics, and, of course, oil.

By last month, American car dealers had 800,000 more cars than orders on their hands — and this included many of the subcompact models which U.S. manufacturers have introduced to ward off competition from the imports of small German and Japanese cars.

The effects of a large cutback in the manufacture of private passenger vehicles will be felt at almost every social, industrial and economic level. Take, for example, the English city of Coventry, where nine out of every 10 families rely directly or indirectly for their income on the production of cars and car components. If the car industry were to collapse, then so would the city.

Some economists who have warned of these dangers in the past and been derided as prophets of doom are now anxiously consulted for their second opinions by city fathers preparing tentative salvage schemes. Though there has, as yet, been little public admission of it, local authorities in all the world's famous car cities are deeply worried and are looking to their motor industries for guidance in examining the options open to them. Concentrating their minds is the possibility that great conurbations like Wolfsburg (Volkswagen), Turin (Fiat), Dagenham and Cologne (Ford), and Chuoku (Nissan-Datsun) could literally go broke.

Some of the changes in the car industry likely to characterise the next few years are based on the reasonable supposition that the era of cheap and abundant materials — and energy — for the West and Japan is drawing to a close.

The first probable move is a switch from large to small cars: in America, the 2½-ton four-litre vehicle will give way to models in the larger-than-average European class; these, in turn, are likely to be replaced by cars in the Mini categories. This is going to give companies like Leyland, Fiat, Renault, Citroen, and Volkswagen a distinct selling advantage over their competitors, being set up already to produce small cars in quantity. Conventional power units will stay, for there is simply not the time nor the resources to further develop electric cars, Wankel rotary engines, or any of the other alternatives put forward in recent years.

These changes will take place within a context of two important shifts of emphasis. One will be to restore and develop public transport and mass-transit systems as quickly as possible. The second will be an attempt to mix the industrial economy in a much more even fashion. For nearly a century, the West's prosperity has become increasingly dependent on a single product — the motor-car. If they have realised nothing else, leaders of government and industry alike now accept that this had led to the brink of disaster.

It used to be thought that exports of cars to the developing world held the answer to the motor manufacturing countries' problems. Very wisely, that approach seems to have been dropped, for it is seen by a growing number of observers as a way of exporting an illness rather than a cure. *(Forum Features)*

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank Leumi Trust Company of New York, an affiliate of Bank Leumi, has grown by 52 per cent in 1973 compared to the previous year, it was announced yesterday. At the end of 1973, its balance sheet was $489.4m., compared to $321.9m. in 1972.

Deposits grew by 48 per cent in the year under review to stand at $457.5m.

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February marked the first post-war month of the tourist industry's return to pre-October war dimensions. The 37,800 arrivals last month, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday, practically matched the total of 39,400 who came in February, 1973.

Ben-Gurion Airport also reported yesterday that traffic during the past week-end returned to pre-war figures, with 5,000 passengers passing through its gates in both directions.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

Rehabilitation Branch, Yaffo

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'IDEAL MARRIAGE'

MANY people are afraid that Luciano Berio's "modern" music is likely to be beyond their understanding. But after Saturday night's concert at the Jerusalem Theatre — and I am sure, this will happen everywhere—no one left the hall disappointed or dissatisfied. The programme was out of the ordinary: five Little Symphonies by Darius Milhaud (1917-1922), and three works by Berio. The Israel Chamber Ensemble, under Berio's direction, gave a flawless, precise and well balanced performance. Using sparse indications, Berio directed rather than conducted, but the result was a happy one. Milhaud's symphonies are charming, entertaining and lightly sketched miniatures, and were interpreted accordingly.

Then Cathy Berberian came on the stage and the magic of a great artist enraptured even the most hesitating listener. It was not only her wide-ranging incredibly flexible voice

Cathy Berberian

beautifully sonorous, gliding over the octaves, singing, speaking, laughing — this could be acrobatics, to be admired and applauded. But the voice seemed part of the music, as though Berio and Berberian, the creative composer and the creative singer, were equally the authors of the music: otherwise how could there be such complete identification. One cannot imagine any other singer than Miss Berberian performing Berio's music, and one feels that Berio could not have written as he did, if not for Cathy Berberian's voice and technique. What we witnessed was the ideal marriage between creator and interpreter, and the results are overwhelming. Even more than the two extracts from "Epiphany," the "Sequenza" for Voice Solo bore out this singular identification between the artists.

The climax of the evening came with the folksongs from different nations set by Berio for Flute, Clarinet, Harp, Viola, Cello and two percussionists. It is impossible to describe the delight of these settings for the professional musician. Berio's greatness is exemplified by his masterful use of the few instruments chosen. There is nothing loud or cheap and shows that contemporary music can be great when composed by a great man. Cathy Berberian again delighted with her many-sided personality, changing the character of her voice to meet the demands of each song. Charming inflections, a graceful gesture to stress a word or a phrase, made every song a gem.

This concert was one of the most rewarding I can remember and the Israel Chamber Ensemble is to be thanked for inviting Luciano Berio and Cathy Berberian to appear here.

YOHANAN BOEHM

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HOW could a Russian-born conductor, a new immigrant to Israel, be expected to open his concert with anyone else but Tchaikovsky? In the Haifa Symphony Orchestra's 7th subscription concert (Theatre Hall, February 24), Mr. Friedman chose Tchaikovsky's hackneyed Serenade for Strings, op. 48, as a good starter. Perhaps he chose the work for the sake of the supporting cellos which excelled in tone and interpretation.

Fortunately, the Serenade No. 1 for ten wind-instruments, by the American composer Vincent Persichetti, fully compensated the audience for the poor first item on the programme.

Hornist Meir Rennen, as soloist in Mozart's Horn-Concerto No. 3 in E-flat major, is no newcomer to Haifa. His well-founded technique and clear-cut interpretation brought out the work's own beauty.

Indefatigable Mr. Friedman showed his predilection for Mozart in the "Vesperae," an ambitious work for the orchestra as well as for the soloists and the choir. Mr. Jehuda Engel, as Choir Master had his group well prepared for the task. The intonation was exact, and the choir's internal balance was maintained though there are not too many first-rate voices. The four soloists (Goldenthal, soprano; Zackai, alto; Reitzin, tenor; and Haparnass, bass), each with a personality and technique of his own gave a most enjoyable performance, helping Mr. Friedman to achieve his aim, of making the the "Vesperae" the highlight of the evening.

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	92,138,000	73,798,000

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No new Cabinet in sight

SURPRISE, consternation and sympathy followed each other in short succession yesterday when Premier Golda Meir abruptly announced that she would turn back her mandate to set up a new government to the President. Only a few hours earlier she had attended a short ceremony at the graveside of the late Levy Eshkol, to mark the fifth anniversary of his death. She has herself served as prime minister for these five years and has found herself increasingly shackled to the job by the dissension within her party and the widening rifts within policies and between personalities, rifts which latterly she alone has been able to bridge.

Nor can she have been left untouched by the criticism that has been heaped upon the government since last October, and on her as its head. She has been deeply affected by the losses the army and nation have suffered. Her deep faith in the people of Israel cannot be shaken by events that turn out differently from what we allowed ourselves to expect. She has just emerged successful from the gruelling trial of obtaining at least the names of our prisoners in Syrian hands, having given neither too much nor too little in exchange.

The attempt by the National Religious party to use the current situation to change the immigration law, to discriminate against many Jews in good standing in the Conservative and Reform communities in the U.S. has been wearying. The introduction of rabbinical authorities into the political task of building a new government has made normal negotiations impossible. Mrs. Meir could have withstood the pressure of ex-Rafi for a broad coalition, and she would have done without Defence Minister Dayan if he was decided not to re-join a new government formed on the lines of the old one though she did her best to persuade him to continue.

But the pressures were beginning to pile up. At yesterday's crucial meeting of the party forums, her policies and choice of ministers were sharply criticized from within her own section of the party as well, with several members abstaining in the vote on the proposed new government. Under such circumstances it may have begun to seem impossible to stitch this government together once more.

Nor can it make such difference, after so much pressure has been applied, that the party then mobilized for appeals to Mrs. Meir to remain, only too well aware that there is little prospect of any other member being willing to carry on where she left off. Any other member, in any case would be likely to be faced by even greater internal dissension.

We are in now for another round of consultations and negotiations but it does not seem likely that they will lead to anything tangible. Ironically enough, this will in effect oblige Mrs. Meir to remain at her post, together with her Defence Minister.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

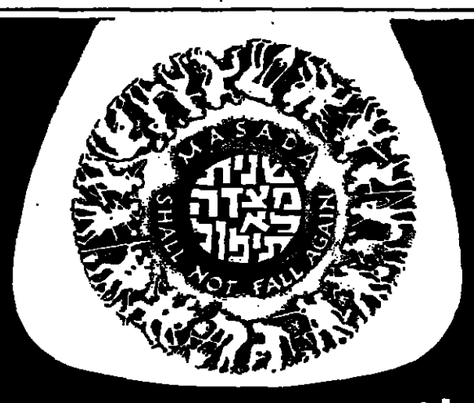
TALKS WITH SYRIA

Davar (Histadrut) maintains that "though both Israel and Syria are interested in achieving separation of forces, the fundamental difference in their positions is such that it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to attain such agreement.

"Damascus' views on the territorial gains which it expects to obtain as a result of the separation of forces are astonishing. Not only does it expect, by virtue of an interim agreement which is neither peace nor the cessation of belligerency, to regain all the territories it lost as a result of its own aggression in the October war, but it also expects a further territorial prize. If there is anyone in the Arab world or elsewhere who is fostering this illusion, Israel must make it absolutely clear that she will have no part in such an absurd policy."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) writes that the resumption of full diplomatic ties between Cairo and Washington heralds a new era in relations between the two states and, to a certain extent, for the entire region. The basis for the closer ties lies in President Sadat's decision to concentrate on solving Egypt's own problems, with priority to economic and social issues. At the same time, Sadat does not want to be accused of abandoning the "Arab cause."

"Syria's change of attitude in acceding to Israel's prior demands is also undoubtedly due to Egyptian influence," the paper says. "The prospects for promoting peace settlements are now greater than they have ever been, and Israel must not miss this opportunity. It is possible to reach a separation of forces agreement with Syria too, now that talks are about to begin."



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VIEWPOINT

The Israel we came home to

What it feels like to come home from more than five months at the front is described by Jerusalem Post Reporter HIRSH GOODMAN.

HOME at last. For a while anyway. True, some of us — particularly the *moshavnikim*, independent artisans and the self-employed — have gone bankrupt, but we're home, and that's what's important.

Over five months at the front. Not as long as the troops who were called away for the Boer War, the First World War, the Second World War, the Korean War or even Israel's War of Independence — but long enough for a man to feel a stranger in his own home. Long enough to forget where the sugar and salt are kept, to appreciate the feel of clean sheets and the blessing of a hot bath.

This is not the first article I have tried to write since the war broke out. But those smudged pages written during and after the war — pages of optimism and pessimism; of joy and sorrow, bitterness and hope, now seem petty, as for example, my reflections on the first night of the war — when a friendly very senior officer told me we had recaptured all the positions which had been conquered by the Egyptians and Syrians hours after they had fallen.

After so many weeks of rain and cold and sleepless nights, it is nice to know that what we did is appreciated by one and all. One car importer is so appreciative that he is prepared to offer me and several hundred thousand other potential clients who were fortunate enough to have spent "at least three months on the front lines" a free car radio — provided we buy a new model of his brand of car first, that is.

One of the better things to be said about having been in the army for over five months is that at least we are not returning to an egg shortage. It would have been terribly difficult to readjust to eating an egg a week after eating four or five a day for the past few months. It was also a tremendous stroke of luck that the price-rise was put into effect before our release, and that Tnuva and the grocers emptied out their stores of basic commodities in time to enable demobilized soldiers to maintain the standard of living they were accustomed to — apart from those who coupled their stay in the desert or on the Golan with a gradual metamorphosis from the semi-affluent to near-welfare cases.

But they are not bitter. Salaried workers can now go back to their jobs and by working an extra few hours a day try to make up for lost time. The self-employed who have gone bankrupt as a result of the war can always go to university for a year at the State's expense and/or join the twice-weekly queue at any of several Housing Ministry offices throughout the country, only to be told that they had not understood correctly the provisions of the Discharged Soldiers' Law.

It is both difficult and unfair to generalize, but I think it can be said that most demobbed soldiers understand fully that the citizens of a country which has just been through an expensive war must be asked to help pay for that war. But there is a feeling that the burden is not being equitably shared. It was encouraging to read in the press that steps were being taken to ensure that war-profits would be cut to a minimum. But what about the thousands of overtime hours worked by those who were fortunate enough not to be called up? Aren't these 'war profits'? Indeed, did not those who stayed behind get richer and those on service poorer — especially those reservists whose salaries consisted mainly of overtime pay and "under-the-table" payments for semi-fictitious expenses? Soldiers coming home are asking why this overtime pay was not heavily taxed — after all, who did not work day and night during the war — and the money used to help equalize salaries of those in uniform.

Lip service

Just as incomprehensible are the terms of the Discharged Soldiers' Law, which reads like little more than lip-service to voters on the eve of an election and seems to have little to do with the very real problems which have resulted from protracted army service. How many will benefit from a year's free study? And how many qualify for the very specific young couples' housing loan or even for the mythical business loans which are so enmeshed in "ifs" and "buts" that few believe they exist at all?

But there's no use in feeling bitter. One must simply realize that those responsible for legislation in the country have problems of their own at the moment, such as who is a Jew and who should or shouldn't be a Cabinet Minister.

It's funny though. Sitting round television the other night — before our discharge — listening to a round-table discussion, we looked at one another — religious and secular, from the left and the right — and agreed that we thought we knew the answers to many of the questions being so studiously discussed by our Knesset members. (But we were damned if we knew the answers to a whole lot of other questions which seemed to be slightly more perplexing on the eve of our re-entry into a world we once knew and understood, and which now seems both foreign and incomprehensible.)

The thing which worried us least of all were the virtues and shortcomings of a minority government. We had got used to the idea over the past few months living in a society where those who give the orders (the officers) were in a minority compared to those who question them (the soldiers).

It was unanimously agreed that what we all wanted most of all was some kind of leadership to guide this country in a determined and efficient way after so many months of turmoil, suffering and uncertainty. What we wanted most of all was to re-enter a world with the same spirit of comradeship and compromise and of selflessness and devotion as the one we were leaving. For a while anyway.

READERS' LETTERS

U.S. poll suggests Israel's information policy works

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Further to Alouph Hareven's letter on the Government's efforts to improve Israel's image abroad, (February 24), your readers may be interested in the results of the latest Louis Harris opinion survey released on February 14:

"... By 66 to 20 per cent, Americans agree with the statement that 'if we yield to Arab restrictions over oil now, we will soon find the Arabs dictating much of U.S. foreign policy.' Back in October, they expressed this same view, but by 58 to 20 per cent.

"...By 61 to 23 per cent, they reject the argument that 'we need Arab oil for our gasoline shortage here at home, so we had better find ways to get along with the Arabs, even if that means supporting Israel less.' Back in October, when the first moves were made by Arab oil producers to withhold oil supplies from the U.S. and to raise the price of crude oil, Americans took that same position by 50 to 26 per cent.

"...By 65 to 20 per cent, Americans say they do not resent being cold this winter because this country is supporting Israel in the Middle East.'"

How much Mr. Hareven's department had to do with this is, of course, impossible to say, but on the assumption that his operation would be blamed if the statistics went the other way, it does seem fair to say that someone is doing something right.

RICHARD COHEN
Associate Executive Director, American Jewish Congress

Jerusalem, February 26.

Different view of Orthodox case

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The letter by Reuben E. Gross in your issue of February 10 has saddened me enormously.

Mr. Gross is entitled, if he wishes, to think unfairly of us Conservative rabbis as "deviationist clergy." But when he writes, for example, that "except for a few old-timers, concern for Israel and the future of Judaism in America, has become an Orthodox monopoly," his letter reveals a very serious problem — a difficulty in differentiating between his personal vision of what he would like the American Jewish community to be, and the reality of that community.

In fact, his letter contains so many distortions of reality that to deal with them seriously and to correct them point by point — something which can be done easily by anyone familiar with the facts — would only cause Mr. Gross even more embarrassment than the publication of his letter has undoubtedly already brought him.

But as an officer of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Mr. Gross should understand that irrational letters like his can only confirm the unjust suspicion in many quarters that some Orthodox leaders are out of touch with reality. And letters like his certainly make things even more difficult for those of us in the Conservative movement who, like Mr. Gross, are genuinely committed to *halacha*.

RABBI HILLEL A. COHEN

Westbury, N.Y., February 19.

Zionist priorities need rethinking

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The editors of "b'Tfutsot Hagola" are to be commended rather than pilloried for publishing an article critical of "colonialist-style" policies in the territories across the green line (reported in your issue of February 22). In the present period of national soul-searching, it is unthinkable that some circles in the World Zionist Organization, which publishes the journal, wish to prevent conscientious views about Zionism, which happen to differ from their own, from receiving a public hearing. If Herut members believe that the most recent issue of the journal was slanted too much to the left, their recourse is to reply in the forthcoming issue; certainly demanding confiscation of the issue and the ouster of the information department's head only reflects negatively on their own outlook on democratic processes.

Ironically, a much more damning indictment of the failure of Zionist policies in the last 25 years is not found in one man's controversial assessment of them, but in the symposium on "Israeli youth and their Zionist education" published in the same issue of the W.Z.O. journal. Indeed, thought-provoking discussions like the one under dispute — though they ought not to be presented in a vacuum — would do much to redeem Zionism from being as boring, irrelevant, and self-righteous as Israeli youth find it according to the symposium. The stormy argument at the Zionist General Council's debate on information policy which arose over publication of the article (despite the journal clearly stating that "responsibility for the content of the articles published is solely that of their authors"), contrasted with the silence about the implications of the educational findings, is itself an indication of how Zionist priorities need rethinking.

Incidentally, your readers might be interested to know that the World Zionist Organization published a parallel journal in English, "Dispersion and Unity," in whose current issue (21-22) these articles appear. We hope the journal will continue to publish such frank and divergent views and withstand the pressures to become a house-organ for propagandist platitudes.

BEN and JUDY HOLLANDER

Jerusalem, February 26.

Faith in future

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — During a discussion between Arik Sharon and members of the American Jewish Congress, he was told that they had received a delegation of youth who informed them that they wished to emigrate because they were "not sure of their future" here.

I would like to ask these youths where in the world today — and at any time — they can be sure of their future as human beings in *general and as Jews in particular.*

I am from Czechoslovakia and my parents were born in Austria-Hungary. They were quite sure of their future till the age of 30 and so was I till the age of 20. But World War I and World War II intervened.

And while I do not support Trumpeldor's stand that "it is good to die for your country," but believe it is good to live for it, I still think that, if fight one must, it should only be on one's own soil and for one's own people and for the only place on earth where we as Jews can live in dignity.

ANNY RUBNER

Tel Aviv, February 26.

Phony salesmen

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We want to warn your readers about a group of charming young women who are soliciting orders for foreign books and requesting a down payment of 50 per cent at the time the order is placed.

A year ago, a similar group was active here, supposedly on behalf of an Italian firm with headquarters in Rome. Our investigation revealed there was no such firm in Rome.

A. HOROWITZ, Secretary General
Better Business Bureau

Tel Aviv, February 25.

TV play

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — How strange that Philip Gillon, who is usually so good at hitting the nail right on the head for all of us, should praise the TV play, "Hotel in Amsterdam," so enthusiastically (February 22). Frankly, to me it seemed a load of old British rubbish which would never have seen daylight if it hadn't been written by John Osborne on what was obviously an off-day. I have no idea what it was supposed to be about and neither did anyone else with whom I discussed it. Incidentally, the play was a flop in England.

AVIVA EVEN-PAZ

Jerusalem, February 22.

French-Arab nuclear plant deal seen as 'fuzzy and vague'

PARIS (UPI). — France's plans to sprinkle the Middle East with nuclear energy plants in exchange for oil appear to be mainly political fireworks to nuclear experts and diplomats.

The experts say the French Government may have enhanced its domestic political position and come out as the new protectors of the Arabs, but probably could not export a nuclear energy plant for at least another five years.

Diplomats and the Paris press call France's go-it-alone agreements with Iran, Libya and Saudi Arabia "fuzzy" and vague. France has promised to build five nuclear plants in Iran to produce electricity and an unspecified number in Libya to power sea-water distillation factories. It has pledged undisclosed technical aid which could involve nuclear energy in Saudi Arabia.

After the oil crisis hit, the French Government launched a programme to construct six or seven nuclear electricity plants in France each year in order not to be dependent on ordinary fuel to generate electricity. Marcel Boiteuy, Director of the government-owned electricity company, said they could not go into operation until between 1978 and 1982.

In addition, a group of European nations decided to build a joint uranium enriching plant in the Rhone Valley of France. Boiteuy said it will be necessary to build at least four nuclear reactors just to feed this plant with electricity.

A nuclear expert at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which guides the economies of 24 industrialized nations, said "these existing targets of building nuclear energy plants in France for domestic use already stretch France's industrial capacity to the utmost. How they could build plants to export to Iran and Libya is not clear. It would be possible only in the far future."

OECD is preparing a report on the capacity of member countries to make nuclear energy plants. The report, soon to be published, shows Western Europe set a target of producing 40,000 megawatts in nuclear energy plants by 1975 and they are barely going to make 26,500.

The expert, who is among those working on the report, said Europe plans to reach 81,300 megawatts by 1980, meaning building 11 or nuclear energy plants a year, "and Europe does not have the capacity to do that. Let alone France making plants to send to the Arab world."

France builds its nuclear plants from U.S. patents with most of the work done by Westinghouse and General Electric's French company at an investment of about 250 million dollars per plant. Those for the Arab lands would cost more. France is already borrowing 500 million dollars to finance its own plants.

The French press, too, has questioned whether France's scramble-for-oil deals are solid.

Libyan deal

"The Libyan-French agreement really just recognizes the will of the two countries to reinforce economic relations," said "Le Monde" after that deal was signed on February 19.

The agreement did not mention any time, deliveries or price of the Libyan oil to be delivered to France. In return, Libya gave France a shopping list of all the things it would like to buy in France including a nuclear energy plant.

"But the actual hard sales French industries will get out of this are probably be very limited," one diplomat said. "France can buy the oil but at what price? And will the Arabs really spend their money in France — or buy from another country?"

Another diplomat said he believed the oil deals "were made with an eye on the internal French political situation — the people think the Government is doing something about getting oil. Also, it has French foreign policy because France now looks like the new protectors of the Arabs, helping them to industrialize."

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